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Nationalists

In India Get

Long-Awaited

Call to Govern

But the Hindus Must Rely On Small Parties, Limiting

Influence of Supremacists

By John F. Burns

NEW DELHI -- The main Hindu nationalist

party's long wait for power in India ended Sun-day with a formal invitation to establish a gov-ernment, but the nationalists' parliamentary de-

pendence on more than 20 smaller parties appeared to leave them little room to carry out Hindu supremacist policies that are anatherna to

After two weeks of see-saw politics that fol-lowed an inconclusive election, Atal Bihari Vaj-

payee, 71, the Hindu nationalists' parliamentary leader, was summoned to the presidential palace

and handed a formal letter asking him to become prime minister. An announcement by President

K. R. Narayanan said that Mr. Vajpayee, a respected foreign minister in a coalition government more than 20 years ago, would be swom in along with his coalition cabinet on Thursday.

After days of uncertainty that threatened to block the nationalists from accurate Mr. Vajpayee.

block the nationalists from power, Mr. Vajpayee

Sonia Gandhi is to lead the Congress Party, keeping the dynasty alive. Page 4.

appeared tired but elated when he emerged from

the 30-minute palace meeting. To the relief of

many Indians, he immediately hinted at the

moderation that seems likely to be forced on the

nationalists by their coalition partners, most

whom have been long-standing opponents of policies that isolate or punish Muslims, lower-caste Hindus or other groups that have tra-

ditionally been suspicious of the nationalists'

"The position of prime minister is not only an honor but a challenge," Mr. Vajpayee said. "The country is passing through serious prob-

lems, but I will try to get help from all sides, and

with consensus these problems can be solved."

brand of Hindu supremacy.

the country's 120 million Muslims.



Prime Minister Jospin exiting a polling booth Sunday in Cintegabelle, in southwest France.

Europe New Left Still Divided by Ideology Despite A Smiling Face

By John Vinocur

LONDON - If Gerhard Schroeder enters the halls of power this September alongside Tony Blair and Lionel Jospin, then Europe, the argument runs, will find itself led by men of deep affinity, leaders so aglow with the spirit of New Pragmatism, or Compassion with an Edge, or Responsible Social Justice that together they

could light up the century to come.

A New Labour member of Parliament, pushing this thesis in the margins of the brief Euro-

Socialists Gain In Local Voting Across France

An Endorsement for Jospin And Disavowal of the Right Seen in the Low Turnout

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

PARIS -- Conservative parties were ousted in a majority of the France's regional authorities in a nationwide ballot Sunday, a result amounting to a powerful endorsement for Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's Socialist-led government.

According to early projections, Mr. Jospin and his Communist and Green allies won 37 percent of the popular vote in the regional elections, the first national ballot since the Jospin coalition unexpectedly captured parliamentary control 10

The outcome appeared to be primarily a fresh disavowal of the center-right conservatives, who were rejected last year and this time captured barely 30 percent of the vote.

Mainstream conservatives, analysts said Sunday, were still burdened in voters' eyes with their inability to close ranks behind new leaders after President Jacques Chirac's miscalculation in calling an ill-fated parliamentary election on short notice last year. As a result, the conservatives failed to benefit Sunday from the political dynamic favoring a rebound yets in political dynamic favoring a rebound vote in favor of the opposition in off-year elections.

The overall results, according to computer projections, showed 37 percent for Mr. Jospin's coalition of Socialists, Communists and Greens, and 30 percent for the coalition of Mr. Chirac's Neo-Gaullists and the center-right parties led by Francois Leotard.

Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front was credited with 15.7 percent of the popular vote, a level that would be ahead of its previous high of 15.2 percent in a national vote.

Less than 5 percent went to several small factions, including independent Greens, extreme leftists, independent conservatives and an anti-European party allied with hunters.

A highly visible test case seems likely to emerge in the Ile-de-France, the region surrounding Paris, where former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, confronting Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn, seemed to face losing

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A U.S. soldier in the NATO-led force patrolling a suburb of Brcko on Sunday.

Bosnian Town Stays in Limbo

International Panel Delays Awarding Control of Brcko

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The little Bosnian town of Brcko is a kind of ward of the planet Earth whose every twitch, sniffle and shrug is fussed over and scrutinized by a multinational battery of bureaucrats, aid agencies, policemen and heavily armed soldiers.

An American diplomat invested with kingly powers oversees the place, right down to determining who will live in which house, the list of required attendees at meetings of local police chiefs, the ethnic composition of the local municipal council and the pace at which privatization will proceed. His will is enforced by the highly visible presence of hundreds of U.S. troops and armor. Officials from dozens of other countries pick over the fine print of municipal governance.

On Sunday, Brcko's status as the Balkans' most closely watched intensive-care patient was extended at least until early 1999 while an international arbitration tribunal will continue

to mull the question of who should ultimately run the town: the Bosnian Serbs who are there now or the Muslims who were there before the

In a closely watched decision, Roberts Owen, a U.S. lawyer who heads the arbitration panel, concluded that general instability in the region and a rapidly shifting political scene in Bosnia's Serbian-controlled half justified a further delay - the third in 15 months - in determining Brcko's fate. In the meantime. Brcko will remain in the hands of the Serbs, who captured it in 1992.

But Mr. Owen also warned the Bosnian Serbs that unless their new government fulfilled recent promises to work for ethnic reintegration in Brcko, the arbitration panel would hand control of the town back to Bosnia's Muslim-Croatian Federation next year.

The decision was a disappointment to Bosnian Muslims, who believe that leaving the town in Serbian hands rewards aggression.

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By a sweet irony for the Hindu nationalists. their path to power was cleared by an earlier visit to the presidential palace by Sonia Gandhi, the

Congress (I) Party's new leader. Mrs. Gandhi, a native Italian who described the Hindu nationalists as a threat to India's social and religious harmony as she campaigned across India in the recent election, told Mr. Narayan less than 24 hours after being elected Congress Party president that the party lacked the strength to form a government

"We have no numbers to form a government, so we are not staking a claim," Mrs. Gandhi

For Mr. Vajpayee, the call to become prime minister was a healing moment, Barely 21 months ago, he endured what he described privately as a humiliation when he headed India's first-ever Hindu nationalist government, only to be forced to resign after 13 days when the nationalists found hardly any other parliamen-

tary party willing to support them. The experience underlined the nationalists long history as the pariahs of Indian politics, a status entrenched for many older-generation Indians when a Hindu nationalist extremist, Nathuram Godse, assassinated the country's independence leader, Mohandas Gandhi, on Jan. 30, 1948. From that shocking moment on, it has

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pean summit meeting here last week, talked in rapture about the likelihood of Germany, Britain and France being simultaneously governed for the first time by what he called the pragmatic left. There was at hand, he insisted, a remarkable confluence of three energetic, reasonable personalities, ambitious yet measured, Protestant in background and anti-doctrinaire in spirit, who as an ensemble could do breathtaking things for Europe and the world

. . vi The one If this is to be the case, the notion has had a distracting few days. In the faint sun of late winter in London, the affinities, the togetheress-to-be could have passed for three solitades.

For all the civility and good intentions of the main players of Europe's left, nationalism, statism, and political cultures and constituencies so different as to be caricatural leaped up to make the vision of seamless modernity, played out in real time, look rather like the everyday friction of

At the most basic, earthbound level, France told Britain that it totally rejected, and regarded

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Aging Safeguards: A Brush With Nuclear Disaster

By David Hoffman Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - At dawn on the morning of Jan. 25, 1995, a four-stage Norwegian-U.S. joint research rocket, Black Brant XII, lifted off from an island off Norway's northwest coast. Ninety-three seconds after the launching, the fourth stage burned out, hurling the

rocket and its payload nearly straight up.

The rocket was designed to study the Northern Lights, but when it rose above the horizon, it turned into another kind of experiment - a test of the hair-trigger posture that still dominates the control of Russian and U.S. nuclear weapons.

The rocket was spotted by Russian earlywarning radars. The radar operators sent an alert to Moscow. Within minutes, President Boris Yeltsin was brought his black nuclearcommand suitcase. For several tense minutes. while Mr. Yeltsin spoke with his defense minister by telephone, confusion reigned.

Peaceful Launching in '95 Set Off an Alert in Russia

Little is known about what Mr. Yeltsin said. but these may have been some of the most dangerous moments of the nuclear age. They offer a glimpse of how the high-alert nuclearlaunching mechanism of the Cold War remains in place, and how it could go disastrously

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wrong, even though the great superpower rivalry has ended.

Russia and the United States still rely on a doctrine that calls for making rapid-fire decisions about a possible nuclear attack. If a Russian president wants to retaliate before enemy missiles reach his soil, he has about eight minutes to decide what to do.

Yet, in the Norway episode, the information needed for such a decision was unclear. Although the Norwegian rocket fell into the ocean, it triggered a heightened level of alert throughout the Russian strategic forces, according to testimony to the U.S. Congress, and other sources. It was the first time a Russian leader had to use his nuclear briefcase in a real alert.

Now that the tensions between the superpowers have eased, so have the chances of a misunderstanding that could lead to nuclear war. But some Western specialists say the Norway rocket episode may not be the last.

The reason is that Russia's system of early warning of a possible attack, and command and control of nuclear forces, is suffering many of the same problems that plague the entire military. Russia inherited from the Soviet Union a system of radars and satellites, but after the Soviet breakup, many are no longer on

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Is the Worst Over in Asia? Don't Bet Too Much on It

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

HONG KONG - The region's currencies have largely stabilized — they are far lower in value, but no longer plummeting. Stock markets have ended their downward slide for now. Parliaments are revising laws, opening up closed economies and allowing foreigners larger chunks of the pie. Foreign companies are already in the neigh-borhood, cautiously poking through the Nubble in search of bargains. Is the worst finally over for Southeast

Asia's ailing "tiger" economies? After eight months of financial turmoil, is the region now looking at recovery? Not quite, say economists and re-gional analysts. In fact, most warn that

the worst is yet to come.
"The economic shoe is only just beginning to fall," said David Roche, chief strategist for London-based Inchief strategist for London-based Inchief strategist for London-based Inchief strategist for London-based Inchief Inchief

dependent Strategy. For one thing, he said, the region has not yet experienced

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the major drop in industrial production - or the widespread layoffs - expected this year, particularly in South Korea and Thailand as they begin to implement the painful restructuring programs mandated by their International Monetary Fund bailout packages. "In the next three to six months,

we're going to see a lot more stories about corporate failures and bank failures." said Andy Tan, general manager of Standard & Poor's Corp. in Singapore. "That's a foregone conclusion." That was also the message of Thailand's prime minister, Chuan Leekpai,

who said in an interview before his visit to Washington last week, "Quite frankly, no, it has not passed yet." Gloomy statistics and forecasts seem to confirm that much more trouble is ahead. Inflation is rising — the annualized rate in Thailand is 8.9 percent, in

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Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto of Japan, center, and Mr. Suharto, right, speaking to reporters in Jakarta on Sunday after they met to discuss Indonesia's compliance with an IMF bailout package. Page 11.

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Israel Protests EU Visit to East Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — In the face of Israeli protests, the British foreign secretary, Robin Cook, backed down Sunday from his plan to visit a contested Jerusalem neighborhood with Palestinian leaders, an Israeli official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Cook would still make a "low-profile" visit to the Har Homa neighborhood, despite Israeli op-

position. Mr. Cook began a three-day European Union mission to the Middle East on Sunday to "unblock this deadlock in the peace process." He is expected in Israel on Tuesday.

Mr. Cook said he would visit Har Homa, a planned 6,500-apartment housing project near East Jerusalem, to demonstrate "that we do not support expansion of settlements."

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Sex Life of the President: **Accusers Turn Up Heat**

Former White House Aide Takes to the Airwaves

By Dan Balz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — If the institution of the presidency could blush, it would have last week.

On Tuesday, a tall woman wearing a long strand of pearls climbed out of a van in front of the federal courthouse in Washington and strode inside to testify before a grand jury hearing evidence gathered by the independent counsel Kenneth Starr. Her name was Kathleen Willey, and she had a graphic story to tell about an encounter with President Bill Clinton in November 1993.

On Friday, the lawyers for Paula Jones descended on Washington and made public page after page of testi-mony from Mrs. Willey and other women alleging sexual encounters with Mr.
Clinton dating back to his days as governor of Arkansas — assertions that,
with one exception, Mr. Clinton denied

in his own testimony.
Ostensibly, the Jones legal team was in Washington to offer their response to the routine motion filed last month by the president's lawyer, Robert Bennett, asking Judge Susan Webber Wright of U.S. District Court to dismiss the Jones sexual harassment lawsuit for lack of

But while the Jones answer came in a 95-page brief, it was the roughly 600 pages of accompanying material that drew the most attention from the news media. And — in no more time than it took to run the Jones documents through copying machines — the focus turned from whether Mr. Clinton and others

urged a former White House intern. Monica Lewinsky, to lie under oath about an affair to yet another salacious story about sex and the president.

Whatever last week added up to le-gally was a matter of debate, with some arguing that the Jones presentation was attention-grabbing but unlikely to be effective in a courtroom while others suggested that the appearance of Mrs. Willey as a cooperating witness in the

Conservatives worry about the Paula Jones association. • The Defense Department investigates Linda Tripp. Page 3.

Starr investigation could be a sign of trouble for the president.
[In her interview with "60 Minutes,"

Mrs. Willey accused the president of lying under oath, Reuters reported. [According to a transcript of the show released Sunday, Mrs. Willey was asked if Mr. Clinton was lying if he said under

vance to her when she was a White House volunteer. She answered, "Yes."] Politically, it was too soon to know how much the material made public by Mrs. Jones's lawyers would harm a president whose approval ratings have continued to defy gravity since the Lew-insky story became public almost eight

oath that he had not made a sexual ad-

But the analysis from those who have been charring the public mood was that it would be minimal. The public has

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What Keeps Those Old Azerbaijanis Going?

By Michael Specter New York Times Service

LERIK, Azerbaijan — Something appears to be keeping people in this breathtaking mountain village alive longer than anywhere else on earth. It could be the clean. water, the bracing air or a life of backbreaking labor.

It might be luck, and it's probably genetics. But it isn't yogurt.

Despite well-known American commercials in which the people of this Caucasus mountain region were said to attain their legendary longevity by eating yogurt, the stuff is not very popular here.
"I never eat it." Mirzahan Movlamov

said dismissively. "Never."

In his case, never is a long time. At 121, Mr. Movlamov is the oldest man in a village famous for centenarians and, according to his birth documents, one of the oldest people in the world. He lives in a bare room with his third wife (nearly half a century younger than he is) and is usually sur-rounded by dozens of children, grandchil-dren, great-grandchildren and great-great-

This place may be as close on earth as it gets to Shangri-la — the mythical land where people seem to live forever — but it certainly is bizarre. There are scores of astonishingly old people living here, on a mountain ridge close to the Iranian bor-

For a while the Guinness Book of World Records recognized somebody from a village nearby. Shirali Muslimov, as the oldest man who ever lived. Born in 1805, he died 25 years ago, reportedly

at the age of 168. People here don't really have family trees; they have family forests. Mr. Movlamov, for instance, has a 41year-old son (conceived when he was 80 and when his current wife was 36) and he has an 84-year-old grandson, who descended from Mr. Movlamov's first wife.

In between, there are scores of others, some children from his most recent marriage who are decades younger than grandchildren he has from his first marriage. He has one son, a grandson and a great-granddaughter all born within two years of one an-

His first wife was his true love. They were married in 1905, when he was 28 and she was 12. "I stole her," he said, matter-of-factly, speaking in a rare mountain dialect, which was then translated into Azeri by one grandson and from that into Russian by another. "I rode into the next village on my horse and grabbed her. I was in the czar's

cavalry at the time. I loved her very much." He and his first wife were happily married until she died in 1954—at the age of 61, which passes for adolescence in these parts. He says she never mentioned his abrupt courtship — the theft of young

obtained their brides. (In fact, the leader of Ingushetia, in the northern Caucasus, recently admitted publicly that bride abduction was still common in his region - and he is seeking to make it legal again.)

For the millions of Americans obsessed with gurus, diet doctors, spiritualists and New Age herbalists who promise to tell them how to live forever, a trip to this part of the world might seem ap-

But it isn't likely to answer their questions. It's hard to say why people here - poor, poorly served by medicine and mostly ignorant - live a long life. They don't eat much, and they work like

EU Lets Car License Plates Talk

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Drivers in the European Union

will be no longer face fines for failing to display a sticker on their car showing which country it is from, EU officials said.

Presently, some European drivers display their country on their license plates — which show, for example, a D for Germany or B for Belgium inside the 12-star symbol of the

EU - instead of affixing the white oval sticker. But motorists

with such plates can run into trouble in countries such as

Under a proposal set for approval by EU transportation

ministers Tuesday, identification on the license plate will be

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Mirzahan Movlamov, 121, listening as a granddaughter whispered to him. Mr. Movlamov, who has children who are younger than some of his grandchildren, lives on a diet, he says, that is mercifully free of yogurt. 'I never eat it,' he says dismissively. 'Never.'

Vegetables, beasts. fruit and sour cheeses are dietary staples. The water is as clear as the azure skies. The crisp

mountain air seems good enough to eat. Still, when Azerbaijan was part of the Soviet Union, doctors descended on the place and took lots of blood tests. They found nothing conclusive, and most researchers tend to attribute longevity here to a combination of clean, stress-free living and genes that are programmed to last.

NAKHICHEVÁŇ (AZERBAIJAN)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Simplicity might also play a role. Look at Saray Nuriyeva. Her family says she is either 114 or 110; it's not clear from documents, and she is getting a little vague when it comes to dates. She lives in the tiny settlement of Mondiga, straight up into the life, surrounded by her family, living literally on the border of Iran, a country whose existence she is not

She does know all about Moscow and Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. But she has never been to either place and says she isn't sad about it. To the degree that a life that started before the Soviet Union existed has been consumed by wars, and consists largely of doing nothing but working and sleeping,

can be said to be typical, hers has been.

She was engaged at the age of 9 to a boy from a village a couple of kilometers away. But a series of blood fends between the villages lasted two years, so she couldn't marry him until she was 11.

The changes, which were opposed by owners of small

merchandise without asking the authorities for permission.

"I came here then," she said, again speaking through a relay of family interpreters, "and I have been here ever since.

She had 10 children, seven of whom are still alive. She still walks outside every day, although she is clearly growing frail. She drinks a lot of milk (it's not yogurt, but it's close) and when she feels bad she chews on local herbs.

She has never taken a pill or a drug in her life, said her grandson, Vassim Gabayev, the 77-year-old

Her husband and his two brothers left in 1941 to fight in World War II. Each was over 50 at the time; none ever returned. Her first son died in 1990 at the age of 80. Since then two other children have

Pernaps not surprisingly, with dozens — or more — of people living to 100, younger people in this region sometimes get less attention than perhaps they should. "Come over here a minute, would you?" Novruz

Novruzov, the village mayor, asked of an extremely old woman wrapped entirely in black scarves. The woman hobbled toward him.

"May I see your passport?" he asked. She took out a battered old Soviet document that listed her birth year as 1909, which would mean she was not

"Oh take it back," he said, abruptly returning the passport. "We don't need you. We're only looking for old people."

Armageddon Averted, **Experts Ponder Fallout**

By Kathy Sawyer Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Asteroid 1997 XF11 has already had its impact on

Last week's global dress rehearsal for Armageddon (which has now been in-definitely postponed) "should serve as a wake-up call," said Daniel Green, an astronomer who works at ground zero

the astronomical clearinghouse in
Cambridge, Massachusetts that first informed the world that a mile-wide asteroid would be bearing down on Earth in 30 years, with the slight chance of a catastrophic collision on Oct. 26, 2028.

But that wake-up alarm has jarred astronomers almost as much as it has shaken unwary Earthlings who have gone about their lives largely unmindful of the fact that Earth exists in a cosmic shooting gallery, in which collisions are a fundamental force of nature.

Astronomers who know the most about the subject last week found them-selves overwhelmed by the public reaction and an unanticipated international media blitz that sometimes got in the way of the emerging facts of the story. Though most say the scientific process worked just as it should in this case, the astronomers are discussing better ways of handling the public relations aspects of the next discovery of a potential killer rock from outer space.

The public drama began late Wednesday when Brian Marsden, a recognized master at computing orbits from preliminary data, issued a statement that was circulated not only to astronomers but to the media on the Internet, saying that 30 years from now "it is virtually certain" that the asteroid would pass within the moon's distance (less than 250,000 miles, or 400,000 kilometers), probably much closer, and that there was a slight chance it could actually strike the planet.

What got peoples' attention was the size of the object. At a mile wide, it was by far the largest object in modern times ever to pass so close to Earth. Any impact would cause widespread destruction and global ecological damage.

Mr. Marsden's provocative prediction last week was based on observations spanning the three months since the asteroid was first detected. The observations were made by four independent groups of astronomers around the world, using different computer software to come up with similar results, said Mr. Green, Mr. Marsden's associate.

It never occurred to Mr. Marsden's team not to put the word out at once, he "We're the world clearinghouse. Our job is to get the word out to astronomers" who want to do follow-up observations. "We actually get criticized

we hold onto anything too long Mr. Marsden directs the International Astronomical Union of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Through its Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams, his small staff handles tens of thousands of observations of astronomical objects each month, and Mr. Marsden "does a thousand or a million times more orbit computations" than any other expert in the field, Mr. Green said. "We had no clue that the media would react the way they did," he said.

The good news Thursday was that Mr. Marsden's alert had its intended

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effect, which was to mobilize the astronomical community to search old re-cords, make new calculations and plan more observations, so that the worrisome asteroid's future trajectory could be further refined.

The bad news was that, by the time new calculations from researchers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, showed unequivocally that the asteroid had "zero chance" of hitting Earth, Mr. Marsden and his staff were already locked in a marathon of television interviews. He learned about the new prediction belatedly, from reporters inquiring about the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's press release. The re-sult was a period of confusion and, Mr. Green said, "It sounded like we didn't have our act together.'

The big breaktbrough had come Wednesday, when the veteran asteroid watchers Elinor Helin and Ken Lawrence, of the Jet Propulsion Lab-

Lawrence, of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, found previously unreported images of 1997 XF11, which had then appeared minteresting, in a search of archived photographic plates from observations they had made at Palomar Observatory in 1990.

The new data were handed over immediately to Donald Yeomans and Paul Chodas, ace comet and asteroid trackers at the laboratory who calculate trajectories for NASA spacecraft and who correctly predicted the outcome of a collision between a comet and Jupiter in collision between a comet and Jupiter in 1994. They had already begun to challenge Mr. Marsden's initial prediction, saying the asteroid would not come so close to Earth.

By late Thursday, Mr. Yeomans and Mr. Chodas had incorporated the new data from Palomar. The new data showed the asteroid would pass well beyond the distance of the moon. Mr. Marsden and his staff were taken aback by the new calculations, Mr. Green said, but as soon as they had confirmed them with additional data from Ms. Helin, he said, "There was no debate, of course not."

Charles's Dinner? Make It Italian

Agence France-Presse LONDON — Prince Charles has angered Britain's food experts by saying he prefers Italian food to traditional British fare.

In a contribution to a book honoring the nation's cuisine, the prince turned his nose up at British roast beef, leg of lamb and saddle of venison and opted instead for gnocchi with pesto, and basil and pine

'Culinary Tour Around the World," had to change the text to account for Prince Charles's tastes, The Sunday Times reported. The introduction to the British section was altered to say that "British cuisine is now so eclectic that we include some Italian recipes."

The publisher, Marco Tiffany, said the prince was twice asked to make a British choice, but refused. A spokesman for the prince said he had selected the dishes that represented what he eats.

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By Neil A. Lewis

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Bar Owner Becomes But Mate's No-Smoking Statute

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This Week's Holidays

been vacationing in Thailand.

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays: MONDAY: Liberia.

TUESDAY: Bangladesh, Ireland, Monaco, Northern Ireland WEDNESDAY: Aruba.

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FRIDAY: Bahrain, Iran, Israel, Tunsia. SATURDAY: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Japen, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Namibia, Sonth Africa, Syria, Turusia, Turkmenistan. Sources: J.P. Morgan, Bloomberg.

stores, eliminate a licensing requirement for new stores, give local authorities flexibility in setting store hours, including Sunday schedules, and allow stores to offer different kinds of Hong Kong stepped up checks on people coming from Thailand and issued health warnings to travelers to Thailand Sunday after seven new suspected cases of cholera were found, bringing to 23 the number of suspected cases discovered in recent weeks. 21 of them among people who had Two Japanese tourists were held hostage for seven hours by indigenous Bolivians protesting the encroachment of a tourist resort on an ancient sacrificial site on the Island of the Sun in Lake Titicaca, Bolivian television reported Saturday. Five Bolivian sailors were wounded when the protesters Saudi Arabian Airlines expects to carry more than 555,000 passengers from around the world on the hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, which reaches a climax in the first week of April, the airline's director-general, Khaled Ben-Bakr. said Middle East

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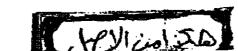
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WASHINGTON — In her 600-page court then say calculations and the widence to have her sexual misconduct lawsuit against President Bill Clinton heard by a judge and jury in Little Rock, Arkansas, in May. But of many lawyers and law professors say her case tell has significant flaws and weaknesses. Although the massive court filing, presented enough still has significant flaws and weaknesses. Although the massive court filing, presented enough still has significant flaws and weaknesses. Although the massive court filing, presented enough still has significant flaws and depositions from other women who said they had sexual encounters with the president, Mrs. Jones's case still hinges on a single encounter she claims she had with Mr. Clinton at a Little Rock hotel in 1991.

Because most successful sexual harassment cases include a pattern of repeated, unwelcome sexual advances or the creation of a sustained, hostile work environment, Mrs. Jones may still have difficulty prevailing in court.

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encounter with Mr. Clinton occurred and was so egregious that it violated her civil rights. After the court filing, though, even some of her stemest critics said they believed that Mrs. Jones's

And if such a case, suffused with its incendiary themes of sex and power, goes to a jury, lawyers say it is axiomatic that anything may result.
It now appears that this will get to a jury, and

if that happens the jury may consider the totality of the circumstances and then there is just no telling what will happen," said Ronald Green, a New York lawyer with more than two decades of experience in sex discrimination lawsuits.

Mr. Green and others said that it would be surprising if Judge Susan Webber Wright of U.S. District Court in Little Rock dismissed the lawsuit before its scheduled May 27 trial date, as she has been urged to do by Mr. Clinton's lawyers.

Mrs. Jones's lawyers also introduced a new legal argument in their filings, contending that Mr. Clinton and his allies had orchestrated a "vast enterprise" to suppress evidence in the case. The lawyers said this pattern of obstruction was an-

other reason their case should proceed to trial. Her lawyers sought to counter another of the main attacks on her case made by the president's side: the argument that whatever happened in the Little Rock hotel room, she had suffered no and found her career stymied from without. resulting harm. To that end, they introduced a

severe emotional distress."

They also amplified her complaints of misreatment at work at an Arkansas state agency. They said that after rebuffing Mr. Clinton, she was treated rudely and blocked from promotion.

In the filing to Judge Wright, Mrs. Jones's lawyers sought to counter Mr. Clinton's legal arguments that her case should not proceed to trial because she had not proven that she suffered any harassment or unfair treatment after her encounter with Mr. Clinton.

In Mrs. Jones's account, her life changed forever and for the worse when she went to a hotel suite at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock to meet with Mr. Clinton, who was then governor of

During a May 8, 1991, encounter that Mrs. Jones describes as so crude and aggressive that it amounted to a virtual assault, she said that she felt threatened and fearful. Her court filings, which provide the clearest picture yet of her legal strategy, portray her as someone who has suffered lasting bouts of fear and doubt within

public — with 600 pages of sometimes graphic descriptions of Mr. Clinton as a chronic sexual predator, regularly using his office to aid him in obtaining sexual favors from female underlings and then using the powers of office to assure these actions would never be made public.

This portrayal could bolster Mrs. Jones's attempt to establish a pattern by Mr. Clinton of making unwanted sexual advances toward women subordinates. It remained unclear, however, whether Judge Wright would allow such evidence in the trial.

On Friday, Donovan Campbell Jr., one of Mrs. Jones's lawyers, said that the sworn deposition of Kathleen Willey, a former White House worker, was a significant part of Mrs. Jones's case, In the deposition, Mrs. Willey said the president groped her against her will in an Oval Office hallway on Nov. 9, 1993, when she came to him pleading for a paying job. The president denied making a pass at

Mrs. Willey in his deposition in the Jones case. Lawyers for Mr. Clinton, who has denied Mrs. Jones's account of what happened at the Excelsior Hotel seven years ago, have pitched a more con-stricted argument: Even if he did proposition her But far beyond the arguments about what on that single occasion, and even if he did so as lawyers had presented enough evidence to sucstatement by a psychologist, Patrick Carnes, who happened to Mrs. Jones, her lawyers used the crudely as she has described, she has no legal

not shown convincing evidence that she suffered harm in her career or even that she was particularly

upset, the president's lawyers have argued. That view is echoed by Debra Katz, a Washington lawyer who specializes in sexual harass-ment lawsuits. Ms. Katz she believed that Mrs. Jones's case was anemic to the point that most. judges would readily dismiss such a claim if it were

not against the president of the United States. 'If a woman came to me with a similar fact. pattern, that is someone in the company above; her propositioned her but only once and shesuffered no tangible job detriment," Ms. Katz said, "I would probably tell her that I'm sorry. it's unfair, but you don't have a case."

She said that courts have generally held that a, one-time proposition does not constitute harassment. "If it's one time, it has to be severe, almost," a sexual assault, not just a touching of somebody'seast or buttocks or even forceful kissing."

Perhaps with that in mind, Mrs. Jones has added details to her latest account of what' happened, depicting Mr. Clinton as behaving in a. more menacing manner. The brief filed by herlawyers refers to the incident on numerous oc-

Joe Kennedy Says in Quitting Congress Seat

By Carey Goldberg New York Times Service

BOSTON — When Representative Joseph Kennedy 2d, the leading politician in the dynasty's younger generation, announced that he planned to retire from Congress, he said the decision was prompted by a year of family tumult and sorrow that brought "a new recognition of our own vulnerabilities and the vagaries of life.'

Mr. Kennedy, 45, the eldest son of Robert F. Kennedy, says that instead of seeking a seventh term in the fall he will devote more time to his family and return to running Citizens Energy Corp., the company he founded nearly 20 years ago. The company had been most recently been headed by his brother Michael, who died in a skiing accident

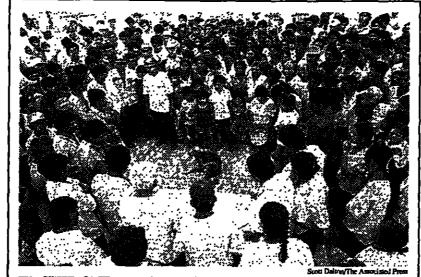
He may return to politics in the future, he said. But, Mr. Kennedy told reporters er en digrematistisker in Boston, "there are times when you have to get your priorities right."

"As all of you know, my brother was killed just a couple of months ago," said inch Mr. Kennedy, a Democrat. "That reand the quires me to take up my responsibilities here and my responsibilities to my family, and I think that is what I should be ne and concentrating on for the next

The decision by Mr. Kennedy reached, he said, just Friday morning startled local politicians and profession-Kennedy-watchers alike, though there had been rumors that he was considering such a move.

"Joe Kennedy is the first family member ever to bow out of a political position," said Laurence Learner, author of "The Kennedy Women: The Saga of an American Family" and now writing a book on the Kennedy men. 'And that he's doing it for personal casons is extraordinary."

In explaining his plans to retire, Mr. Kennedy mentioned his two sons, who are co-captains of their high school foot-ball team, and said: "I look forward to making every one of their games. Those are important priorities that sometimes get overlooked.'



WASHED OUT — Residents of Chato Grande, Peru, discussing their next move after their village was ruined by flooding related to El Niño.

POLITICAL NOTES

President Draws Line On Key Funding Bill

WASHINGTON --- President Bill Clinton hinted over the weekend that he might veto emergency spending legislation if Congress attached a ban on aid to groups that offer abortion

In his weekly radio address Saturday, Mr. Clinton criticized efforts by Republicans in Congress to attach the anti-abortion measure to a bill that would pay nearly \$1 billion in dues owed to the United Nations.

I he bill includes 318 billion for in International Monetary Fund to help deal with the financial crisis in Asia.

The president also criticized Republican efforts to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from ordering free broadcast time for political candidates. Republicans have tried to impose those restrictions in a rider to a separate bill that would provide money for military operations in Bosnia and the Gulf, as well as disaster relief for states that have suffered severe storm damage. (NYT)

Moynihan Weighs In On Social Security

Patrick Moynihan moved over the

weekend to reshape the debate on Social Security by offering a proposal to cut payroll taxes, reduce the annual cost-of-living adjustment and encourage workers to establish personal savings accounts for retirement.

Mr. Moynihan, Democrat of New York, said it was imperative that defenders of Social Security propose changes in the program, rather than just resist the proposals of conservatives who want to turn it into a vehicle

for investing in stocks and bonds.

Under a bill to be introduced this week, Mr. Moynihan would allow workers to divert about 15 percent of payroll taxes into personal savings

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Dan Quayle, former vice president, who is preparing a presidential bid for the year 2000, on possible impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton: "We have to do what is right for the country. If Ken Starr submits a statement that says that he has reason to believe that perjury, obstruction of justice, suborning of perjury was committed, the Republicans will go forward with impeachment proceedings. I just don't buy this idea that the American people don't care if the president of the United States is lying, and they don't WASHINGTON - Senator Daniel care if he committed perjury or ob-

Jones Case: 'A Double-Edged Sword'

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - At the Conservative Political Action Conference here four years ago, many participants could barely contain their delight when a woman from Arkansas named Paula Jones nervously stepped up to a lectern and accused President Bill Clinton of making sexual advances toward her.

Before long, Mrs. Jones became something of an icon for conservatives who were intent on making the president an object of ridicule.

Mrs. Jones even played a cameo role in "The Clinton Chronicles," a program that accused Mr. Clinton of treason, among other flaws, and was broadcast on the Reverend Jerry Falwell's "Old Time Gospel Hour" on cable television. And efforts by her lawyers to depose women who might have had sexual encounters with the president turned up a former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky, whose relationship with Mr. Clinton is now under investigation by the Whitewater independent counsel.

But now, many conservatives, even some who were at that news conference when Mrs. Jones introduced herself to the nation, question whether the Jones matter and the subsequent accusations involving Ms. Lewinsky have snowballed out of control. Pointing to Mr. Clinton's robust poll ratings, these conservatives worry that the public attention has been as much on the tactics of the president's critics as on Mr. Clinton's own conduct.

'Like most things in Washington, it's a double-edged sword," said William Pascoe 3d, political director of the American Conservative Union. "It's been bad for conservatives because the Paula Jones case makes us look like snooping busybodies who have nothing better to do than to root through trash cans. On the other hand, it's good because we've learned new things about Clinton's

propensity to lie and cover up."

Craig Shirley, a conservative public relations consultant who helped organize the conservative conference in 1994, said the Jones case had not dramatically affected people's perceptions of Mr. Clinton, but had served to harden the battle lines of anti-Clinton partisans.

Mr. Shirley said, "I doubt there are many people who voted for Clinton in '92 and then Paula Jones came along and said, 'Oh, I'm not voting for him again.'" But he said the accusations spurred by the Jones case have "intensified the opposition" to Mr. Clinton and have given people another reason to oppose him. Even so, several conservatives said the Jones case had exacerbated tensions within Republican ranks. Some conservatives accuse their peers of letting down the cause by being too bashful about speaking out about the president's moral conduct.

Gary Bauer, president of the Family

Research Council, said, "In some strange way, it's actually increased the gap between state and local conservatives and their leadership. In the grass roots, they are shaking their heads in wonderment that there are not more people willing to say the obvious: that if the president of the United States is treating women this way, that alone should call into question the continuation of his presidency.

Mark Levin, president of the Landmark Legal Foundation, said: "If this has been such a windfall for conservatives, why were most conservatives slow to embrace Jones? And if it's such a windfall for Republicans, why to this root for Ken Starr. I think that's bad."

day have so few Republican officials. spoken out about this case?"

As evidence of how the accusations, swirling about Mr. Clinton have receded as hot-button issues for some; rightist groups, many people inter-viewed said they were more concerned about the Republican Party's perfor-. mance on Capitol Hill than about the Jones or Lewinsky case.

Regardless of Paula Jones, this is not a good year for conservatives," said; Howard Phillips, founder of several conservative organizations. Mr. Pascoe agreed that conservatives had no game. plan except to raise tawdry questions about Mr. Clinton's character.

'The congressional leadership has come to the conclusion that the best thing they can do is nothing — and get through the '98 midterms because they're not doing anything legislatively," he said. "It looks like the Republicans" only legislarive agenda is to root for Monica, or

Post-Monica Moviemaking

Director of 'Primary Colors' Wants It Viewed as Work of Art

By David Richards Washington Post Service

NEW YORK --- Mike Nichols always gets edgy before the release of one of his films, but these days he is edgier than usual. On Friday, 'Primary Colors'' will open across the country, and the director worries that people will bring so much baggage with them into the theater that they will fail to see what is up on the screen.

After all, the innuendo, rumor and gossip swirling around President Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, a onetime White House intern, have reached the velocity of a tornado. And here comes "Primary Colors," which recounts the presidential campaign of one Jack Stanton (John Travolta), a charismatic governor of a small Southern state, and examines his ideals, his idiosyncrasies and, yes, his tendencies to philander.

Will anyone look at the film as a work of art or will it simply be another log on a bonfire that already rages out of control?

'When we were in a pre-Monica world, everybody was worried that we were too tough on the president, if you took the film to be about the pres-

ident," Mr. Nichols said. "In a post-Monica world, everybody is worried that we're too easy on the president, if you take it to be about the president. But we were never concerned with the president. I was never interested in the political aspects of it.

"I don't think this is a prurient movie at all," he added. "It seems very plugged into 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf.' It's about many of the same things — marriage, privacy, secrets. It's about the fact that you never know what goes on in anybody else's marriage and they don't know anything about yours. It's about loyalty. Most of all, it asks the question, Where does honor lie in this changing world of ours?"

In short, Mr. Nichols believes that "Primary Colors" is a complex investigation of human behavior at a time when the overriding issue seems to be no more complicated than "Did they or didn't they?"

'In public discourse, people are black and white, unambiguous in their feelings," Mr. Nichols said. "But it isn't that way in reality. It can't be. The decisions of private life are filled with ambiguity. There are layers over layers under layers."

Away From Politics

poorest age group in the nation, according to a years. study by the National Center for Children in (NYT)

The crew of a Marine jet that severed a gondola cable in Italy, killing 20 skiers, returned to the United States over the weekend to face possible charges. An investigation has placed the blame for the tragedy on the four crew members, saying they broke rules on how fast and how low they could fly.

Broadway musicians canceled a strike said.

• While the number of American children vote after reaching a tentative deal with theatliving in poverty has declined from the peak ers and producers. The proposal calls for wage of 1993, children younger than 6 remain the increases of 21.5 percent over five

> A former teacher imprisoned for having sexual relations with a 14-year-old boy is pregnant for a second time by the teenager, a newspaper reported. Mary Letourneau, 36, who last month was sentenced to more than seven years in prison on child rape charges, is six weeks pregnant and plans to carry the baby to term, according to the Seattle Post-In-telligencer, which quoted an unidentified source. "She is absolutely giddy," the source

By Jeff Leen Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Department of Defense is investigating a report that Linda Tripp, an employee who is a central figure in the Monica Lewinsky saga, failed to disclose a 1969 arrest at a New York state resort community on her department security-clearance forms.

A spokesman for the Greenwood Lake Police Department in New York confirmed that she was arrested on a grand larceny charge in the village of Greenwood Lake in 1969. She was then known as Linda Carotenuto and was 19 years old.

The New Yorker magazine is reporting in its

upcoming issue that Ms. Tripp was accused on May wood Lake. "We did make an arrest on her," he 12, 1969, of stealing \$263 and a watch worth \$600 said. "They have not found the disposition." from hotel rooms at the Lake Pond Inn.

application on April 14, 1987, she reported that she had never been "arrested, charged, cited or held" by any law enforcement agency. It can be a felony under federal law to knowingly

make false statements on security forms. "If the investigation finds that this has been confirmed, then it is a very serious situation," said Lieutenant Commander James Graybeal of the

said Mark Kotlarich, a police sergeant in Green- peared to have been dropped at that time.

Tripp Allegedly Hid 1969 Arrest From Pentagon

om hotel rooms at the Lake Pond Inn.

Ms. Tripp is a public affairs officer at the The magazine said that in her security-clearance Pentagon and is paid \$88,000 a year. She is currently working out of her home on a flexible schedule while Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, pursues her allegations that Ms. Lewinsky asked her to lie about an alleged affair between President Bill Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

Ms. Tripp's attorney, James Moody, said she had told him that she was "set up" during the arrest 29 ntagon. years ago. After the arrest, she appeared in court for The disposition of the 1969 charge is unclear, an arraignment. Mr. Moody said the charges ap-

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TOPICS

California Bar Owner Becomes Butt Of the State's No-Smoking Statute A bar owner in Auburn, California, has been

convicted of two infractions for allowing patrons to light up in violation of the new state antismoking law. It was apparently the first such trial under the law that bans smoking in more than 35,000 bars and casinos. The owner, Bill Ostrander, was fined a total of \$300.

Mr. Ostrander said he had posted signs about the law and told patrons not to smoke, but he could not force them to stop. "It's not my job." People attending the trial hooted when police

testified that, at one point, four patrol cars were parked outside Mr. Ostrander's bar to investigate smoking complaints. A California man who stole four chocolate

chip cookies from a restaurant must serve at least

26 years in prison under the state's "three

strikes" law. Judge Jean Rheinheimer refused to reduce the sentence given in 1995 to Kevin Weber of Santa Ana, who previously had been convicted of burglary and assault with a firearm. Three-strikes laws mandate tough punishments after a third conviction. Mr. Weber, 34, is

one of dozens whose three-strike sentences were

re-evaluated following a 1996 Supreme Court

decision giving judges flexibility in sentencing. Kelvin Floyd of Aiken, South Carolina, managed to strike himself out. When he stole a car last summer, he was smart enough to file off the engine identification number. But when police later seized a stolen engine, they had little trouble tracing it. Floyd, apparently hard-pressed to come

up with nine random digits, had replaced the number with his own Social Security number. In Turners Falls, Massachusetts, the folks are all a-flutter about a few birds. The local cable television channel broadcasts a live, but usually not very lively, image of sticks stuffed in the nook of a dead white pine tree. But every now and then a bald eagle, sometimes two, flies into the picture, and the sticks become a nest. Suddenly. Channel 6 and the little riverside village

are transformed, reports The Boston Globe. "Bird on the nest! Bird on the nest!" people shout. Folks run for their TV screens or grab a

phone to call friends. The televised drama climaxed last spring when a first televised batch of eagles' eggs failed to hatch after a heavy snowstorm. Now people are waiting to see what happens with a new set of eggs, and how the parents, one of just nine pairs of nesting bald eagles in the state, react Local folks, in any case, have reacted so excitedly that the cable channel is thinking about spinoffs: a fox den, perhaps, maybe even a field of wildflowers.

In the past few years, so few swallows have made the 7,500-mile (12,000-kilometer) flight from Argentina back to San Juan Capistrano, California, that city officials and the famous mission there have begun offering free lunches, spreading ladybugs and (for dessert) lacewing larvae around the mission to entice the birds.

Regardless, it looks like there will be more tourists than swallows again this year for festivities that end Thursday. Bird experts blame urbanization. The mission was once the only building in the area, and because it is near a creek, the swallows built their mud nests there. Now there are plenty of buildings to distract the birds. A few years ago, a craftsman built clay nests and placed them under the mission's eaves. The swallows evidently saw through the ruse.

Brian Knowlton

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By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - Sonia Gandhi was elected president of India's Congress (I) Party over the weekend, defying Indians who had said Mrs. Gandhi, Italian born and until recently immersed in domestic life, was not fit to head the organization that led India to independence 50 years

Mrs. Gandhi's election on Saturday reaffirmed the family dynasty that has dominated the party since the days of Jawarharlal Nehru, India's first postindependence prime minister. He was the father of Indira Gandhi and grandfather of Rajiv Gandhi, Sonia's husband, who were prime ministers in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s and who were

both killed by assassins.

Mrs. Gandhi was first offered the post within 24 hours of her husband's death on May 21, 1991, but she refused it. saying she did not wish to expose her family to further risk.

In accepting the post of Congress Party president, Mrs. Gandhi, 51, found herself a central player in a political drama that was tinged with farce. Although the man she replaced, Sitaram Kesri, 82, announced earlier in the week across India as she campaigned for the



becoming head of the Congress Party, which led India to independence.

he stalked out Saturday when a meeting of the party hierarchy demanded that he quit immediately.

Within the hour, Mr. Kesri called a news conference, denounced his ouster as "illegal and unconstitutional," and vowed to take his case to "the court of

Mrs. Gandhi herself appeared to have been reluctant to make the move, despite the adulation that greeted her

that he would submit to pressure from other party leaders for his resignation, Congress Party in the election that culminated with three days of staggered voting across the country in late Feb-

> Aides said Mrs. Gandhi, who has dedicated her life since her husband's death to raising a son, Rahul. 27, and a daughter, Priyanka, 26, and to running foundations dedicated to her husband's memory, had agreed only when party leaders assured her that a president of her choice would take care of day-to-day party

U.S. Backs Away From Anti-China Vote

Washington Ends Support for UN Resolution on Human Rights

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - After deciding last week to move up a presidential trip to Beijing, the administration has given China another important boost by dropping American sponsorship of an annual United Nations resolution condemning China's record on human rights.

The move, which effectively kills a resolution before the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, was described by senior officials as a response to Beijing's recent efforts to improve its rights record, including its decision this week to sign an important international human rights treaty.

"China still has an enormous way to go, and we intend to press them at every opportunity," a senior administration official said. "But in light of these steps, we have decided not to sponsor the resolution. It's certainly not a reward. It is being done as a calculation. It is being done because we believe it is the way to make progress in the future."

The official hinted strongly that China had agreed to release a number of prominent political prisoners if the United States dropped its sponsorship of the resolution. "I believe there will be further releases," he said, declining fur-ther comment. "Lives are at stake."

The administration's decision was denounced by human rights groups, which said the administration was abandoning one of its best tools to press Beijing to

widespread human rights violations.

The annual resolution, first introduced at the commission in 1990 after the massacre of unarmed civilians near Tiananmen Square the year before, has infuriated China, even though it has nev-

er been adopted by the 53-member commission. The commission is to open its annual meeting in Geneva next week.
"If the president visits China without clear human rights preconditions and also drops any resolution at the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, what leverage will the United States use

to press for concrete progress?" asked Mike Jendrzejczyk, Washington director of Human Rights Watch Asia. They've caved."

The White House announced last week that President Bill Clinton, who would be the first U.S. president to visit China since the 1989 crackdown, had moved up his trip to June from November in order to build on progress made during the visit by President Jiang Zemin of China to the United States last autumn. Chinese officials leaped at the proposal for an earlier meeting.

The administration's steps to improve relations with China came as Mr. Clinton sought to play down the importance of new evidence that China had tried to sell nuclear technology and equipment to Iran.

The president said that the sale, first disclosed by the U.S. State Department in testimony before Congress on Thursday, was halted in response to an Amerend what the administration agrees are ican protest last month. "The Chinese

followed through on it and kept their agreement to the letter," Mr. Clinton said. "I am well pleased, actually, with the way that issue came out."

Administration officials said that soon after Mr. Jiang agreed during summit talks last year to half nuclear cooperation with Iran, the United States learned about negotiations concerning the sale to fran of tons of chemicals that could enrich uranium for nuclear weapons.

Far from seeing the incident as a violation of the American-Chinese pact, administration officials said that only low-level Chinese officials had negotiated with the Iranians and that senior Chinese government leaders had blocked the sale as soon as it was brought to their attention by the United States. "Chinese authorities investigated the matter and promptly informed us that a transaction like that had not been agreed to and that China had no intention of making such a transaction," said James Rubin, the State Department spokesman. "This is a case that demonstrates how nonproliferation

The administration's critics on Capitol Hill, however, viewed the incident as fresh evidence that China's commitment to its nuclear agreement with the United States was still in question. Senator John Ashcroft, Republican of

Montana, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, described the potential deal as troubling and said Mr. Clinton had a "policy of blind engagement" toward Beijing.

Administration officials said - and human rights groups agreed - that the decision to drop sponsorship of the hu-man rights resolution probably meant that no resolution against China would be offered this year.

Last year, the resolution, sponsored by the United States and Denmark, was defeated, 27 to 17, after a vigorous lobbying campaign by the Chinese government, which labeled the resolution "an ourrageous distortion of China's reality.'

■ Iran Denies End to China Aid

Iran denied Sunday that China had ended its nuclear cooperation with the Islamic republic, saying implicitly the "peaceful" partnership would contin-ue, Agence France-Presse reported from Tehran.

"The baseless allegations in recent days by American newspapers and officials is a repeat of the same propasaid Mahmud Mohammadi, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. "Iran's nuclear program and cooperation with other countries is entirely peaceful, in accordance with international regulations and under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency," Mr. Mohammadi added. He was quoted by the official Iranian press agency IRNA.

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Murdoch's 'Waiting Game' in China: A Lot of Give, Little Take

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

SHANGHAI - One of the paradoxes of Rupert Murdoch's bend-overbackward efforts to keep good relations with China is that he has been so badly frustrated here.

China's media market is still so tightly closed to foreign companies and the authorities are so suspicious of international media companies like Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. that 10 years of wooing and genuflection have yielded almost nothing so far.

The recent embarrassment to News Corp.'s book unit, HarperCollins which apologized to the former governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten, after dropping his book for its anti-China content - might have an economic rationale if there were a heavy payoff in the Chinese market to compensate. Yet media executives and consultants say profitability

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in China is so far in the future that no one can predict when it will come.

Mr. Murdoch has put well over \$1 billion into a satellite television network, Star TV, which broadcasts in several Asian countries and is intended to be News Corp.'s route into China, where more than 300 million homes have television sets, the world's largest potential market.

But winning approval to broadcast, collecting subscription fees and selling advertising are proving so difficult that media executives measure progress in tiny increments. China's entertainment industry is coming alive, yet business opportunities remain maddeningly eluve to foreign operations.

News Corp. executives argue that they are taking the long view and that, with a small toe in the door, they are ahead of their competitors.

"It's all about position, position, po-

pany's chief representative in Beijing.
"Our strategy is to be ready for the day

when the door opens."

Mr. Dover pointed to Star TV's partial ownership of a Hong Kong company, Phoenix Satellite Television Co., as an important, if modest, sign of progress. The Phoenix channel, with Chinese-language programming, broadcasts cheerful dramatic shows that consultants say will have difficulty winning cable viewers with 40 channels to choose from. Limited mostly to viewers in inter-

national hotels and to a cable network in single Chinese city, Guangzhou, Phoenix reaches a tiny segment of China's viewers. Star TV claims that 35 million homes have access to Phoenix, though independent consultants say that probably optimistic. Even worse, Phoenix broadcasts are

still technically illegal, because the Ministry of Radio, Film and Television has sition," said Bruce Dover, the com- yet to grant formal approval. Officials

are clearly aware of Phoenix's broadcasts, and they are essentially reserving the right to block them at any time.

The same is true for Star TV's four channels, which carry music videos, sports, movies and English programs.

The brightest aspect of Phoenix, consultants say, is that Star TV shares ownership with two companies, Today's Asia of Singapore and China Wise of Hong Kong, that have their own connections to China's television industry. Star TV and Today's Asia each own 45 percent; China Wise owns 10 percent.

'China is so tightly controlled that such a joint venture is quite an achievement," said John Wong of the Boston Consulting Group, who advises media companies in China.

Mr. Dover said Star TV, which Mr. Murdoch bought for \$900 million in 1993, had lost perhaps \$100 million a year until last year, when its loss was reduced to \$40 million. It will break

even in 12 to 18 months, he estimated. Although Mr. Murdoch has visited China many times, courting Chinese leaders, he attracted the most notice here in 1993 when he said in a speech in London that technological advances like satellite TV were "an unambiguous threat to totalitarian regimes every-

China's leadership Alarmed, promptly banned individuals from buyng satellite dishes.

Mr. Murdoch's efforts to repair ties to Beijing — by yanking the BBC news service from Star TV's broadcasts, by authorizing a \$1 million book contract at HarperCollins for Deng Xiaoping's daughter, and by reaching a minor internet deal with the People's Daily have yet to win back encouragement.

"It's a waiting game," a Star TV executive said, referring to Mr. Murdoch's plans in China. "He realizes it's going to be a long, long trip.'

BRIEFLY

SHADOW WARS

By Clyde Farnsworth, 419 pages. Donald I. Fine Books! Penguin. \$24.95.

Reviewed by George Stade

THE foreign correspondent is likely to think he has a novel of intrigue in him because of all he knows that's not fit to print - just as the professor of English is likely to think she has a whodunit in her because of all she thinks she knows about the myster-

On this score, corresponbe wrong. Clyde Farnsworth, however, a former New York Times bureau chief in Canada, was right — he did have a thriller in him, although it is very much a cor-

respondent's thriller. The thrills in "Shadow Wars" begin with Dmitri Sherbatov, a Russian physicist who has discovered the secret of controlled nuclear fusion, which can provide the vast energies required to activate another of Sherbatov's ally brutish. The good guys. discoveries, how to turn bismuth into gold. (Farnsworth is good at making impossible

physics sound plausible.) But Sherbatov has had it with Russia: There's corruption, there's anti-Semitism. entrepreneurial racketeers are running wild and his superwork high-tech on

So he allows himself to be smuggled out of Siberia by two intrepid, salt-of-the-earth Israeli agents ("arms like loaves of peasants' bread') of the kind already familiar to readers of light literature. The Israeli government sets him up with a supersecret desert abundance.

The gold is a blessing for Israel's economy, but otherwise accursed. Rafe Ben Giton, for example, the minister of energy and natural re- Building in Washington, the x or K J x x? It is not easy. sources, a right-wing zealot, story behind Saddam Husskims off enough gold to fi- sein's big cannon. For every nance his causes, unsettle Pal- new character introduced, estinians and swell his Swiss and there are scores of them, bank account. Rachel Ravid. we get a page or two of bia peacenik physicist who ography, no matter how in-works at the desert complex cidental the character — a car and is soon to become the rental agent, a concierge. novel's female lead, figures

Hillsdale Landover, a distin- that it is "a Fabrique Nathings out. Landover is now bought recently in Gaza for on the verge of becoming the \$239," never mind that male lead.

The professor and the semiautomatic. peacenik have scarcely become acquainted when they find themselves on the run. Ben Giton sends his vile security chief, Simon Bloom, out to silence them, lest news of Sherbatov's alchemy drive the market value of gold down and out of sight.

Out of Russia, the West dents and professors tend to Bank and the CIA come the mad dogs willing to trade corpses for gold.

Even one of the president's security advisers, driven by intra-office rivalries, sends out a crew of repulsive types to apply Force Majeure, the agency euphemism for assassination. As Farnsworth depicts them, secret service operatives with a license to kill are on the whole physically repellent, ethically null and sexuon the other hand, are es-

sentially sexless. The chase takes us from Israel to Egypt to Switzerland to Paris to Washington. across deserts, over rooftops and through the Zurich sewer system. Along the way, there are hair's-breadth escapes. iors, dubious, want him to flabbergasting treacheries and the casual slaughter of bystanders.

The action is furious, but it is not fast. Farnsworth's instincts as a reporter keep interfering with his resolve to tell a story. He constantly interrupts himself to enjoy the scenery, brief us on local history, show us the sights there a polluted lake, there a complex for making gold, notorious nightclub, there an which Sherbatov does, in architectural anomaly; here's jack, you will later run the how the commodities market queen, playing West for the works; here are some facts you may not know about the Dead Sea; here's the story behind the Old Executive Office king. But did he start with K x

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> I found Nevertheless, "Shadow Wars" a good read. The prose is almost always a pleasure: the scenes of action are vivid, the touches of poctry, as when we read of stars like particles of rice spilled on velvet," deft, except when Farnsworth shows off, as when we read of "the

stridulations of the locusts." The broad farce of the strategy sessions within the highest circles of Washington

malice, corruption, heartlessness, jockeying for position, self-absorption, arrogance and cluelessness of the powerful are convincingly enough rendered to confirm our worst suspicions. The journalists, however, are nice. even when their articles are cut by editors. The only option, obviously, is to write a

George Stade, a professor of English at Columbia University, is the author of the novel "Confessions of a Ladv-Killer." He wrote this for The New York Times.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

N the abstract, there is al-I most always a right and wrong way to play a suit combination. But there are some interesting exceptions, and the North-South diamond combination shown in the diagram is one of them. We need four tricks, and we shall assume that the suit does not

The right technical play is to cash the ace and play low to East put up the king, and the the 10, failing only when the left-hand opponent has a doubleton jack, or both king and jack guarded at least once. But if East is an inexperienced player, a psychological play is slightly better: Lead low from the dummy, hoping that he will err by playing the king from a doubleton or tripleton king. but South would no doubt Your intention is to play the play for that suit to divide 3-2 10, and if this loses to the

king as well as the jack. If East hesitates and plays low, he is marked with the This assumes that there is no clue from the bidding. There was one on the diagramed deal from a duplicate game at the Beverly Club in Manhattan. North and South climbed to a sensible six-club contract and succeeded. Notice that three no-trump would have failed, since the declarer cannot cash the clubs. .

South won the heart lead with dummy's ace, led to the Pass club king, and discovered the

Chinese Parliament Set for Vote

BEUING — As Parliament prepared to elect Prime Minister Li Peng as its chairman Monday, his supporters have begun a lobbying campaign to ensure that he wins a

strong majority. "It will be embarrassing for the prime minister if he fails to get a high majority vote," said a delegate from southern Guangdong Province. "But there are difference among dentities" ences among deputies."

Mr. Li. the only candidate for the post, is widely blamed for ordering the Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989 even though the decision to send in the troops against student protesters was a collective one. In recent weeks, dissidents have protested his candidacy for chair-

Some delegates also complained that he would not be as strong a supporter of more parliamentary powers as his predecessor, Qiao Shi.

The Parliament will also vote on two other posts Monday, state president and head of the military commission. The current holder of both posts. Jiang Zemin, is certain to be re-elected.

Remembering My Lai Massacre

CO LUY HAMLET, Vietnam - The families of My Lai massacre victims paid quiet tribute to their memories Sunday, some weeping as they recalled the horror 30 years ago of one of the most brutal moments of the Victnam War.

In villages across this section of central Vietnam. people were burning incense and praying to lost relatives as they shared a ritual meal marking the eve of the anniversary of the 1968 slaughter.

On March 16, 1968, U.S. forces entered Co Luv. My Lai and other nearby hamlets in an area suspected of being a Viet Cong stronghold. About 500 people died in the bloodbath that followed. No known soldier was among

Fierce Fighting in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO — Heavy fighting raged Sunday in north-em Sri Lanka as Tamil rebels resisted a fresh push by government troops, military officials said Sunday. They said fighting erupted Saturday as troops using the saturday as troops using the said fighting erupted Saturday as troops using the said fighting erupted Saturday as troops using the said fighting erupted Saturday as troops using the saturday as troop

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efficiency and sloppiness could be the military's worst enemy in wartime, the Xinhua press agency said Sun-

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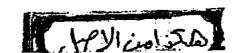
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Anti-China Vol Britain and Ireland Go to the Brink to Resolve the 'Troubles' in Ulster

BELFAST — Fearful of losing the best chance in three decades to forge a settlement of the conflict in Northern Ireland, the governments of Britain and Ireland have decided on the risky that state the state of the lagging peace talks to an early conclusion.

To many people in the two countries, with their booming economies, youthful, buoyant images and claims on leadership in modern Europe, Northern Ireland, with its sectarian bloodshed and dour face to the world, is an embarrassment, a persistent irritant, a partitioned place on the wrong continent. dour race rassment, a persistent irritant, a partitioned place on the wrong continent.

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sitting around the same table, haltingly debating terms of a settlement.

The talks are going on at a moment when the major paramilitary groups, which have accounted for more than 3,235 deaths since 1969, have decided that the war is unwinnable solely by military means, and the Catholic population has become emboldened in challenging the long-dominant Protestants.

The cease-fires underlying the negotiations have given the residents of the North an extended respite from widespread bombings and shootings, and the people of Ulster long to make that lull a permanent feature of life.

They're revolted by the fear of going back, said Mo Mowlam, the British secretary for Northern Ireland. When the negotiators return here after St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, they will

have before them working papers draf-ted by London and Dublin, and an Easter deadline to produce an accord. The hope is to submit the agreement to simultaneous referendums in Northern Ireland and Ireland in May and have elections to a new local Parliament in June.

By moving the deadline ahead six weeks to April 12 and by using de-liberately bullish language - Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain said last week that a settlement was "agoniz-

ingly close" — the two governments their annual marching ritual, which in imply that they may impose a solution if recent years has caused riots across Ulsaid Mr. McKittrick. the talks fail.

They hope that threat will provide shock treatment to a procedure that is so severely blocked that the members of the largest Protestant group in the room, the Ulster Unionist Party, will not even speak directly to negotiators facing them from Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

The risk is that if the settlement that emerges appears to be imposed, and not the product of the eight local parties in the talks, it will fail to get the necessary support of the parties themselves or to attract the critical backing of the

"We have declared a precipice," said an official in the Northern Ireland office in London, "and the danger is that when you approach a precipice, you can fall off."

The governments worry about the growing violence from underground splinter groups opposed to the negotiating process, and fear that the tribal political customs of this divided province will not produce compromise without a strong prod.

They are also determined to have new structures in place before the black-suited men of the Protestant Orange Order swagger onto the streets in July in

The Catholic cause is in the ascendancy. The Catholic percentage of the population is increasing and they are moving in substantial numbers from working class to middle class as opportunity long denied them begins to

In Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, and in John Hume, head of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, who has long sought peace talks, the Catholics have Northern Ireland's most skillful strategist and its most widely admired public figure.

"When I was growing up here, you always referred to the Unionist monosaid David McKittrick, a journalist and author of several reference works on the North. Until 1966 all of Ulster's 12 representatives in the British Parliament were Unionists, but now the province's complement of 18 members includes five Catholics, and the Protestants have split into three parties.

The contrast between Ireland and Northern Ireland has been turned on its head as the economy to the South has boomed and the one here has stagnated. As a consequence, many Protestant business executives do not share their political leaders' abhorrence of Dublin.

The participants in the talks know the overall shape of the agreement and can anticipate the concessions they will be asked to make. Sinn Fein has to put off its dream of a united Ireland, and the Protestants will have to accept more involvement by Dublin in the affairs of

the North. The political pull in Northern Ireland is not toward the center but away from said a principal in the closed-door talks. "Catholics have always voted for Catholics, and Protestants for Protestants, and compromise is a foreign concept, There is no win-win, only winners and losers, and that's a part of their history, culture, vocabulary and experience."

The level of violence from fringe underground groups opposed to the ceasefires and the negotiating process is rising now that the talks appear closer to a resolution and the dissidents become more desperate to undermine them.

It is a testament to the political will and the public longing for an end to the bloodshed that the nearly 20 sectarian killings since Christmas, many of them of a particularly random savagery, have not succeeded in toppling the talks. Ms. Mowlam said she expected new acts of violence in the weeks to come but thought the talks could withstand their

impact. What is at issue is the future of this province of 1.6 million residents, roughly 55 percent Protestant and 45

percent Catholic.
The Catholics want links to the Republic of Ireland, ranging from a joint assembly to outright unity; the Protestants want to reinforce Northern Ireland's identity as part of Britain. In general. Catholics are happy to call

themselves Irish; most Protestants insist on being called British. The proposal that leaders hope will lead to swift settlement and rapid voter endorsement is a three-part plan aimed at giving the two sides enough to sell to their constituencies without arousing deal-

breaking suspicions from the other side. The framework is based on three new institutions: a legislature for Northern Ireland, a ministerial council linking Belfast and Dublin and a consultative council that twice a year will bring together ministers from the British and Irish Parliaments.

Other matters — the police, the fate of prisoners, disarmament and inequalities like the high rate of joblessness among Catholics — will be assigned to com-missions. Protestants, who desire as little change as possible and are reluctant participants in the talks, tend to want to leave things vague. The Catholics, eager for maximum change, focus on details.

Leader Decides To Keep Austria Neutral - And Out of NATO

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

VIENNA --- After an intense debate Ex) about whether to abandon Austria's neutralist traditions, Chancellor Viktor Klima says his government has ruled out applying for early membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Klima has been under fierce pressure from the conservative People's Party, the junior partner in his ruling coalition, to join the Western alliance. But he said he had accepted the arguments of his fellow Social Democrats. who contend that even in the post-Cold War era, Austria must scrupulously uphold a neutral status that has been a basic part of its identity since 1955.

"Austria will not become a member of any military bloc," Mr. Klima said during an hourlong interview in his of-fice. "We believe we can better contribute to the interests of European security by staying outside the alliance and maintaining good relations with all countries in the East and the West." iness Parlament Set for low

Mr. Klima said his government would strive to enhance ties with NATO through its Partnership for Peace program, which provides for military and political cooperation with nonmember countries. But he emphasized that Austria also wanted to maintain good relations with Russia, which has bitterly opposed NATO's expansion into Central and Eastern Europe.

As a country with excellent democratic credentials and a prosperous economy at the crossroads of Europe. Austria was seen as an ideal candidate by the alliance's political and military index ting Mr. Klima's government to apply for membership in a second round of enlargement following the individual of Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary in 1999, when alliance leaders will gather in Washington gather in Washington to celebrate NATO's 50th anniversary.

General Wesley Clark of the United States, NATO's chief military commander, recently visited Austria and emembering Wy Lai Massacre stressed that its proximity to the Balkans and other continental flash points should make NATO membership an attractive proposition to Austrians — as well as to the alliance. General Clark and other military experts say Austria would provide a convenient land bridge to NATO's peacekeeping forces in Bosnia and other volatile places in southeastern
Europe. Having Austria in NATO also
would solve a manufacture in NATO also factor for Hungary, which has no border with a current NATO member.

der Br "We see increasing challenges to se-curity in Europe from the southeast," General Clark said in a speech last month to the Institute for Political and Strategic Studies in Vienna. "It's clear that Aus-Austria is going to play an important role in European security by its history, traditions and its geostrategic location."

While acknowledging that Austria's role in Europe's security order was a sovereign decision for its own government to make, General Clark repeatedly emphasized that "Austria would be most welcome" as a NATO member.

Other countries in the region that are tria will not remain unaffected by the

clamoring to join NATO would be flattered and delighted by such attention, but Austrians have been unmoved hinese General Liges Refe by the appeals of General Clark and NATO's secretary-general, Javier Solana Madariaga. Opinion polls show a clear majority remains opposed to joining the alliance and wants to continue include a lean military budget the country's gross national product.

Foreign Minister enjoying the fruits of neutrality, which include a lean military budget that accounts for less than 1 percent of the

Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel who heads the People's Party, argued that neutrality no longer made sense now that Austria had joined

the European Union. But Mr. Klima said that staying outside NATO should not inhibit Austria from carrying out its fair share of security responsibilities.



BACK AGAIN - Todor Zhivkov, who ruled Bulgaria for 35 years, speaking Sunday in Kremikovtsi at a meeting of the former Communists' Socialist Party. Mr. Zhivkov, expelled from the Communist Party after he was overthrown in 1989, has joined the Socialists.

U.S. Wary of French-Russian Entente

By Craig R. Whitney

PARIS — "I grew up with history, and I learned that since the 16th century, France and Russia have almost continuously been allies and friends," President François Mitterrand wrote in 1985 to Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader. "History and geography dictate some things that are constant."

Another of those constants is U.S. irritation with France, its oldest ally. Now that the Berlin Wall is gone, the entente between Paris and Moscow has sometimes seemed so warm lately that it has made policymakers in Washington get positively hot under the collar.

First France and Russia teamed up to thumb their noses at America by investing in an oil exploration project in Iran. They joined forces again to restrain U.S. military might against Iraq in the dispute over United Nations arms inspections. Last week, France and Russia were at it again, lukewarm about imposing sanctions against Serbia under U.S. pressure to force President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia to stop armed attacks against the ethnic-Albanian majority in Kosovo.

At the height of the Cold War in 1960. President Charles de Gaulle expressed the vision of a Europe extending from the Atlantic to the Urals, and it has

That vision kept France with the United States on expanding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to include Poland and the Czech Republic, which the U.S. Senate is expected to ratify shortly, despite Russian objections, but on other issues France and Russia often seem to share a common perspective.

As frustrated former superpowers, they both hate to be reminded that they are no longer what they used to be - in France's case, the Napoleonic empire that dominated the Continent almost two centuries ago, and in Russia's, the Soviet Union, which collapsed in

Every time the French hear the words "the world's only superpower" emanating from Washington, they wince, and as for the Russians, the phrase practically rubs their noses in their own loss of power and global influence, even though Russia does still have enough nuclear missiles to blow the world to smithereens.

But French policy is not what it is toward Iraq, the Middle East generally, or Serbia because of its relationship with Russia. France has always tried to stake out a policy independent of Washington's in the Middle East because, as a regional power with European aspirations, it thinks the United States should

always made Americans a little un- not have a monopoly in an area that is

also strategically important to Europe. De Gaulle, like Mr. Mitterrand after him, often used relations with Russia as a counterbalance to keep Washington from getting too overbearing.

Now it is President Jacques Chirac's turn to prove his Gaullist mettle, which he did, with complete support from his Socialist prime minister, Lionel Jospin, by insisting to the Americans on trying United Nations diplomacy with Iraq, and then lending Secretary-General Kofi Annan a French executive jet to go to Baghdad to do it, with full Russian backing. While President Boris Yeltsin ruled out supporting the use of force, Mr. Chirac cleverly hinted that France would reluctantly go along with it if all else failed.

France joined the United States and Britain in the war against Iraq in 1991, but a lot of people here regret it. Now the French would like to get President Saddam Hussein to comply with UN disarmament resolutions and then move on to rebuild the profitable trade relationship they had with Iraq back in 1975, when Mr. Chirac welcomed Mr. Saddam here as his "personal friend."

Russia would also like to rebuild its political influence and its trade with the Middle East. So, it was no accident that it was a consortium of Russian oil interests, the French giant Total SA and Malaysian firms that joined last fall in defying the U.S. trade embargo on Iran and investing \$2 billion in an Iranian

natural gas field. Russia said last week that it would continue to defy U.S. opposition to its helping Iran build a nuclear power plant, and should the United States decide this month to inflict sanctions on Total or other French and Russian interests under the despised extraterritorial Iran-Libya Sanctions Act, U.S. relations with both

France and Russia could enter one of

their worst crises since the Cold War. When the United States pressed Russia and its three biggest European allies in London last week to impose sanctions against Serbia because of what happened in Kosovo, French and Russian policies again seemed to coincide.

France dislikes economic sanctions as a policy tool because, Mr. Chirac says, they make the country that imposes them feel good about itself without persuading tough guys like Mr. Sad-dam or Mr. Milosevic to change their

Russia may have opposed sanctions not only because it would like to be seen as the Serbs' best friend in the Balkans but because it was the target of American-imposed sanctions itself in its So-

viet past. In the end, both France and Russia need the United States engaged in the Balkans to keep the lid on there, which is why both of them are eager participants in the NATO peacekeeping force that went into Bosnia in 1995. But if either France or Russia thought Europe could manage in the Balkans

without U.S. help, they would much Fortunately for French-U.S. friendship, that day still seems far off.

In the Hills of Kosovo, Armed Resistance Continues

By Chris Hedges
New York Times Service

LAUSA, Yugoslavia - A short burst of automatic weapons fire sent villagers scurrying for cover down a narrow dirt

There they gathered behind a wall of red cinder blocks and scanned the hill-

tops nervously. There are Serbian snipers all through the hills," said Muharrem Geci. 56. "They are in positions on the ridge tops every few hundred meters. When they see movement in the street, they

fire. Six villagers, including two small children, have been killed in the last week. We go get the bodies at night." The sweep of the Kosovo Province over the last two weeks by police and paramilitary units, which has left about 80 ethnic Albanians dead, was intended

to crush the outlawed separatist group,

the Kosovo Liberation Army. It appears, however, that dozens of fighters from central Kosovo, where the attacks took place, have escaped in small groups to the hills. Gunfire echoes through these valleys. The police have built heavily sandbagged positions at road blocks, and late Friday afternoon mortar rounds exploded in the dis-

The rebels, who fired on a police checkpoint less than two kilometers from here Thursday, appeared to be shifting the center of their operations. In

nursing their wounded, collecting their everyone in this house. It is better for me to die than put them at risk." There were also reports of armed groups collecting near the border with Al-

"These armed groups appear to have scattered to new areas," said Veton Surroi, editor of the Albanian-language daily Koha Ditore. "We may have just become Latin America." The ethnic Albanians,

Muslims who make up 90 percent of the 2 million people in Kosovo Province, are edgy and suspicious, often denying any knowledge of the rebels. Some farmers, however,

have helped the guerrilla bands.

On a remote farm a few kilometers from Lausa, a man wounded twice in the Serbian assault on the village of Prekaz from March 5 to March 7 lay on a mattress in a small

A doctor who walked around the police checkpoints had tended to him a few days earlier, but the patient had no medicine or sterile bandages for his wounds.

The man and the people sheltering him asked that neither they nor their location be identified.

"I have lost the feeling in one of my legs," he said weakly, "but it is too dangerous to send anyone again for medical help. If the Serbs find out that I remote hamlets in the hills they are am here, they will come and butcher

The carnage may have spawned the

low-intensity war that the Serbs were hoping to avoid. There had been no withdrawal of the hundreds of special police units, and on Friday trucks were setting up portable metal living units for

Yugoslavian officials, who said they were engaged in a mopping-up oper-

In remote hamlets, the separatist guerrillas are nursing their wounded, collecting their weapons and setting up new bases.

> ation, also conceded that the rebels were however, appear for now to be prefiring nightly on police positions. The people in this region are no

strangers to rebellion and violence. Most families have sepia photos of fathers and grandfathers who died in vain struggles against the Serbs for inde-

"This is the third time I have felt in my bones the risk from the Serbs," said Lah Geci, 72, leaning on a wooden

"The first was in 1941 when the Germans came. They weren't so bad, but the Chetniks attacked them and tried to kill us all," he said, referring to the Serbian royalist forces.

fight," he said, "and now again Fri-As Mr. Geci spoke, a young man in a black leather jacket came up behind him. Shaban Geci, 18, lost his father,

"Then in 1945 we wanted our in-

dependence and there was another

Osman, in the Serbian attack on the neighboring village of Prekaz. Many of the ethnic Albanians in the village, a stronghold of the rebel movement, fired back on the police, while thousands, including members of his family, fled their

> bomes. "I hope the Serbs never touch us again." the youth said. "If they do, there will be a war. Everyone will rise

Most ethnic Albanians. occupied with their security and the effort to return to their homes.

Shani Gecaj, 43, sat on an old brown vinyl car seat in front of his house drinking a cup of coffee. He is one of the few men to remain in the village of Lausa, 40 kilometers west of Pristina. He winced as shots rang out a few hundred meters away.

"I don't try to find out what is happening," he said. "It is too dangerous. I am an innocent man with no rights and no job. If they want to kill me, they can come and kill me in my house. My hands are empty. They have guns. For them it would be an easy thing."

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Declaration by Vatican On Holocaust Awaited

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican is set to make a landmark declaration on the Holo-

The statement to be issued Monday marks the Vatican's first official attempt to come to grips with the Holocaust era, when Pope Pius XII was accused of turning a blind eye to the

Nazi attempt to exterminate the Jews. But it was not clear if the document, 10 years in the making, would be the unequivocal admission of fault that Jews have been waiting to hear from the church.

To Lead Turkish Party ANKARA - With former Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan banned from politics for five years, his wife is to take on the leadership

of a new fundamentalist party, the daily Sabah

Fundamentalist's Wife

reported Sunday. Nermin Erbakan is expected and deployed about 1,000 officers. Various to be officially registered with the new Virtue radical right parties, led by the National and subsequently appointed leader, the report

She would be the first woman to play a leadership role in an Islamist party in Turkey. Mr. Erbakan's Welfare party was dissolved by the constitutional court this year for activities running counter to Turkey's secular

German Police Hold 650 To Avert Political Clashes

LUEBECK, Germany — German police locations across the country.

In the northern city of Luebeck, the police said they detained around 400 people, mainly leftists, to prevent them storming a rally of radical rightist parties Saturday.

The police said they had used water cannon

party at a scheduled meeting next weekend. Democratic Party of Germany, held the rally as part of their campaign for municipal elections this month.

Pope Beatifies Bulgarian **Executed by Communists**

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II on Sunday beatified the first martyr of Stalinism, a Bulgarian bishop who was tortured and executed during the darkest hours of Com-munist persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Europe.

The Pope presided at a two-and-a-half-hour ceremony attended by thousands of people in said Sunday that they had detained about 650 people over the weekend to prevent clashes between leftists and rightist radicals at various on those who lived exemplary lives, is the penultimate step to sainthood.

Vincentius Bossilkov, bishop of the city of Nikopolis, was convicted at a Stalinist-era show trial in 1952 for refusing to accept a law aimed at removing the local Catholic Church from Vatican jurisdiction. (Reuters)

FASHION

Fabrics: Feeling Is Believing

American Designers' Opulent Sportswear in Paris

By Suzy Menkes

PARIS — Three American designers have thrown down a cashmere gauntlet in the world's fashion capital. Their brand of opulent sportswear has challenged the more traditional European elegance in the

But Valentino fought back Sunday with an ex-quisite show, carefully crafted and superbly embellished, to restore faith in high fashion."

The houses of Celine, Cerruti and Loewe have all taken New York-based designers who go for comfort and ease: the sensuous sweater, the perfect pants, the



with this vicuna sweater and raccoon stole. designer's usually dressy clothes.

simple skirt and the shrug-on coat. Call it no-frills. no-thrills fashion.

Made in tactile fabrics, these are clothes where feeling is believing. That is why the Spanish actress Victoria Abril stretched out her fingers toward a leather dress the color of creme caramel at Loewe's show Sunday.

The Hispanic-American Narciso Rodriguez was a smart choice for the Madrid-based leather house that is part of the French LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton luxury group. He showed simple, modern pieces, drawing on the house's leather heritage for a plain sweater with python skirt; shearling coats sweeping the floor; and for brief coats in ribbed

In his own line shown in Milan, Rodriguez took fashion risks. But for Loewe he just made the look simple, slim-line and modern.

If you want women's clothes predicated on the nononsense principles of menswear, but in the most upscale fabrics, you couldn't have a better exponent than Michael Kors, who had a hit for Celine — a French sportswear house in need of an identity.

Kors defined the look, the same one he shows in the United States for his own label, which is of plain clothes, sumptuous to touch.

He opened the show with a raccoon stole snuggled over a vicuna sweater and over-the-knee skirt. Then came a double-face camel coat with furry collar, or silver fox melding with slate gray sweater and flannel riding pants.

The evening look was also minimalist, but with caviar-sized pearls as millennial-style decoration. Apart from some ultralow hiplines and pretentious shoes deliberately trodden at the back, the show hit

The only problem with this American sportswear de luxe is that it creates a look-alike style. So at Cerruti, the mix was similar to Celine: a symphony of gray, mixing pearl, smoke and slate, but always with a subtle play on soft textures of fluffy sweater against satin skirt or gray flannel coat topping mat chiffon

The designer Peter Speliopoulos is skillful at modernist embellishment, showing evening jackets with a glittering border and tracing jet leaves on long

Contrast all that oh-so-simple stuff with Valentino's bravura collection. Yet, it was still easy

'Luxurious and relaxed,'' said the designer to sum up his loosened silhouette and the mix of easy coats and jackets with no visible fastenings, but some closed with jewel-headed pins. A typical sporty piece was the hybrid jacket and sweater like a loose sailor

Valentino's skill was in embellishing the slender silhouette, veiling a flannel skirt in tulle, outlining a sweater's Aran stitches in silver or working kilim rug patterns in embroidery. The glacial Nordic colors, the fuzzy felt and mohair textures meshed with Valentino's Roman refinement to make a very fine show, with some of the most elegant evening wear

Emanuel Ungaro had also eased up, sending out Michael Kors, for Celine, opened his show models whose rumpled hair gave a casual edge to the



Valentino's collection, "luxurious and relaxed," featured a kilim-embroidered dress.

The show opened against a backcloth of Miroinspired painting, with long-line black cardigans over ankle-length dresses. But the clothes were soon enriched with Ungaro's favorite pattern and rich colors, but in muted mode, so that knits were given glitter stripes or necks edged in Mongolian lamb. Jeweled vintage-style purses added delicate decoration.

Given that Ungaro has to keep his ready-to-wear coherent with his haute couture line, the more casual element was well done, and ruby red jackets and pants glowing with pattern and color were rich but not

Balmain went the opposite route — and it didn't work. The haute couture line, although designed by the American Oscar de la Renta, has a European ophistication that chimes with the house's tradition of elegance. Andrew Gn, the new Singapore-born ready-to-wear designer, seemed determined to take a more sporty route in his first collection. But his cashmere and wool woven to look like denim, Lone Ranger shirts, and zippered furs did not seem lux-

He compounded the downscale look with rat-tail hair styles and screaming shades of red. Gn would have been wiser to go for the clean and simple modernism he shows for his own line — and then try to give that the imprint of Balmain.

RUSSIA: Brush With a Nuclear Nightmare

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Russian soil. The radar-and-satellite system is vulnerable because there are gaps in the network, which will grow more serious this year as yet another Russian radar station in Latvia is closed.

The prospect of a mistake "has become particularly dangerous since the end of the Cold War," Vladimir Belous, a retired general and leading Russian strategist, wrote recently.

The degradation of Russia's earlywarning system comes as its strategic forces, made up of nuclear-armed submarines, long-range bombers and inter-continental ballistic missiles, are declining dramatically in both numbers and quality. This is posing painful questions for Russia's political and military elite. They want to preserve Russia's place as a global power but cannot support the colossal forces and intricate systems that made up the Soviet nuclear deterrent.

What makes the radar and satellite gaps worrisome is that Russia still adheres to the nuclear documes of the Soviet era. The overall deterrence concept is known as Mutual Assured Destruction. under which each side is held in check by the threat of annihilation by the other. One part of this cocked-pistols approach is "launch-on-warning," in which both sides threaten that if attacked they will unleash massive retaliation, even before the enemy warheads arrive.
On Dec. 21, 1994, the Norwegian For-

eign Ministry sent out a routine letter to neighboring countries, including Russia, about the impending launching of the Black Brant XII between Jan. 15 and Feb. depending on weather conditions.

But the letter got lost in the Russian bureaucracy and never made it to the radar crews, as had past notifications. Norway had launched 607 scientific rockets since 1962. But the Black Brant

XII was bigger than any of those.

According to Peter Pry, a former CIA sachusetts Institute of Technology, said in a region considered, during the Cold War, to be a likely corridor for an incoming ballistic missile attack.

Anatoli Sokolov, the commander of the Russian radar forces, recalled that 'what happened was an unscheduled "An officer on duty reported detect-

ing a ballistic missile which started from important indicator of a serious underthe Norwegian territory," he said. "What kind of missile is it? What is its target? We were not informed."

a civilian missile and a nuclear missile, state of tension." especially at the initial stage of the flight trajectory, look practically the same."

chain reaction in Russia. According to Nikolai Devyanin, chief designer of the Russian nuclear suitcase, the radar operators were under crushing pressure. They remembered how Mathias Rust, a German youth, flew a small plane through Soviet air defenses in 1987 and landed it in Red Square, shaking the

electromagnetic pulse explosion to dis-

command-and-control network, known as Kazbek, had come to life.

The duty general received his infornetwork of cables, radio signals, satel-From there, it caused an alert to go off on

their terminals.

Bruce Blair, a senior fellow at the official who chronicles the episode in a coming book, "War Scare," the rocket "reserubled a U.S. submarine-launched, multiple-stage ballistic missile."

Theodore Postol, a professor at the Masstrate of the rocket strategic forces to increase the rocket strategic forces to increase the rocket and strategic forces to increase the rocket strategic forces to increase strategic forces to increase strategic f readiness, but the crisis then ended. Mr. that the Norwegian rocket may well have Blair said the significance of the episode looked to the radar operators like a was the confusion that marked the period multistage missile launched from a Triduring which Mr. Yeltsin would have had dent submarine. The launching occurred to make a real "launch-on-warning" decision. Mr. Blair pointed out that the Soviet Union and Russia have been through coup, rebellion and collapse over the last decade, and a leader may well be called on to make crucial decisions at a time of enormous upheaval.

Mr. Postol, the MIT professor, said: "The Norwegian rocket launch is an lying problem. It tells us something very important: People are on a high state of alert, when there is not a crisis. You can The thing is," he added, "the start of imagine what it would be like in a high

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Mr. Devyanin has said the radar operators could be reprimanded for sending out a faise, panicky signal. But they also feared it was a real threat. So they decided to issue an alert that it was an unidentified missile, with an unknown destination, The alert went to a general on duty. He too, decided that it was better to send on the alert to the highest levels than to be blamed for a disaster. One factor, Western officials said, might have been fear that the missile would release a debilitating arm Russia's command-and-control system, as a prelude to a broader onslaught.

At that point, the Russian electronic

mation from the radar operator on a special notification terminal, Krokus. He then passed it to the Kavkaz, a complex lites and relays that is at the heart of the Russian command-and-control system. each of the three nuclear suitcases in the Russian system: one with Mr. Yeltsin. one with the defense minister, then Pavel Grachev, and a third with the chief of the general staff, then Mikhail Kolesnikov. The suitcases were nicknamed Cheget.

The command-and-control system "was now operating in combat mode," Mr. Devyanin said. Mr. Yeltsin immediately got on the telephone with the others bolding the black suitcases, and they monitored the rocket's flight on

The Black Brant XII triggered a tense are suffering a dramatic decline.

BRCKO: Arbitration Panel Decides to Keep Bosnian Town in Limbo

NDIA: Hindu Nationalists to Govern Continued from Page 1

been a long uphill struggle for the nationalists, one that even now leaves them a long way short of majority support in

group Mr. Vajpayee will lead in Par-26 percent of the vote nationwide, its highest-ever share. Before taking office, the Hindu na-

tionalists were expected to join their coalition partners in publishing a "national agenda." Nationalists leaders have already said

that the agenda will center on a plan to deep-rooted economic and social prob-

what is left out. Mr. Vajpayee, long considered a moderate among the Hindu nationalists, has already said that "circumstances" will force the nationalists to abandon, at least for the duration of this Parliament, election promises that

caused anxiety among Muslims.
Omitted from the "national agenda" In the election just concluded, the liament, the Bharatiya Janata Party, took will be three controversial election promises. These were a pledge to build a Hindu temple on the site of a 16thcentury mosque in the northern city of Ayodhya that was razed by a Hindu mob in 1992; an undertaking to seek by "all legal, consensual and constitutional means" to impose a uniform code of civil law, stripping Muslims of separate attack poverty, to reinvigorate India's laws that they have had for centuries in sluggish economy, and to tackle other matters of marriage, divorce and property rights; and a vow to remove from the Indian Constitution provisions that give But just as important as what is in-special status to Jammu and Kashmir, cluded in the governing plan will be India's only Muslim-majority state.



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They said a fresh postponement of a decision on Brcko's final status would and Muslims have threatened to go to Mr. Farrand's efforts by setting up ilfurther deplete the town's anemic econ- war over Brcko. While the heavy pres- legal roadblocks, intimidating Muslims

omy.
"Justice delayed is justice denied," Ejup Ganic, president of Bosnia's Brcko's fate remains a volatile issue. Muslim-Croatian Federation, said in an interview. "Dayton stopped the war but didn't stop injustice."

The spotlight trained on Brcko stems directly from its position on the map. It is Muslim residents fled or were killed. situated on a narrow neck of land connecting the two halves of Serbian-controlled territory in Bosnia. Without control over Brcko, the Serbs point out, their statelet would be cut in two.

The town also lies astride the road that connects the other, Muslim-controlled L. K. Advani, president of the Bha- half of Bosnia with Croatia proper and rativa Janata Party, hearing that the rest of Central Europe to the north. the party could form a government. Without Brcko, the Muslims say, their lomat, Robert Farrand.

access to the rest of Europe would be severely crimped.

ence of U.S. and other international who tried to return to their homes, attroops makes the threats dubious, tacking international officials and trying

Before the war in Bosnia, Brcko was a predominantly Muslim town. The Serbs captured Brcko in 1992 and held it when fighting ceased in 1995. Virtually all its

At the Dayton peace talks in 1995, neither side could agree on the town's fate, so they left it under Serbian control with its ultimate future in the hands of the arbitration panel. Mr. Owen postponed the decision twice, in December 1996 and again in February last year, when he established international supervision for the town by a U.S. dip-

Mr. Farrand was to oversee Brcko's ethnic reintegration. But for most of to rig local elections.

In his decision Sunday, Mr. Owen said the hard-liners' actions would have led him to turn Brcko over to the Muslim-Croatian Federation. But the hard-liners were defeated in elections last fall, and a new, moderate government took power in January pledging complete cooperation with Western officials in Brcko.

In Washington on Sunday, the State Department spokesman, James Rubins said, "The parties now have an addisaid, "The parties now have their full tional period to demonstrate their full Tribune compliance with the Dayton agreement before the final award is made.

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The drama of these elections arose from Sonia Gandhi. The Italian-born widow of the assassinated Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi abandoned seclusion for a vigorous and successful campaign to rescue the Congress Party from the consequences of its fatigue, ineptness and corruption. And now? Taking over the party's helm keeps her in public life. To become her party's

parliamentary leader would put her in line for the prime ministership. She touched dynasty-starved hearts in the parliamentary campaign. But this is a woman of practiced silences of whom an informed India hand, Patrick French, says that she "has never publicly answered a single question, even now that she is the most prominent figure in Indian politics."

The Bharatiya Janata Party's surge is something new for India. Certainly a democratic country does well to field more than one party capable of winning a national election. There can be no question about the validity of elections in India, or about continued American respect. Still, the BJP's policy record raises some questions about a BJP-led government. Would it sharpen Hindu-Muslim tensions? Make Indian foreign policy more nationalistic and openly nuclear? Stray off the path of market reform? Both the "Sonia factor," as Indians call it, and the BJP's rise are bound to make Americans follow In-

dia's choices carefully.
-- THE WASHINGTON POST

Slightly Less Cancer

intractability of the cancer problem that a relatively small decline in new cancer cases is being hailed as a major turnaround. Yet any final victory over this most dreaded of human diseases must start somewhere, so it is indeed cheering that, after decades of inexorable rises, the incidence of cancer in the American population has started to dip, ever so slightly, and so has the death rate from cancer.

The latest official statistics show that the number of new cases per 100,000 Americans fell by 0.7 percent a year from 1990 to 1995, while the death rate fell by 0.5 percent a year. Although such fractional declines might seem too small for true rejoicing, they are at least headed in the right direction. The much publicized cancer

epidemic seems to be ebbing.
But if one peeks beneath the overall figures for a clearer view, the picture gets murky. Cancer is a catchall term to describe some 100 different diseases characterized by rapid proliferation of cells. Trends in these individual diseases head every which way, sometimes for reasons that nobody quite understands.

Consider the four major cancers, accounting for more than half of all new cancer cases. Lung cancer offers the clearest triumph. Both incidence and mortality are down, and virtually all experts agree that a sharp decline in smoking in recent decades is responsible. The only worrisome facts are that lung cancer is on the rise among wom-

en, who continue to smoke at perilous levels, and that youth smoking is again on the rise, posing a threat to reverse the gains. Those pressing for a crackdown on the tobacco industry have ample reason to redouble their efforts.

Breast cancer also presents an encouraging picture. The incidence rate, after increasing for two decades, leveled off, and the death rate actually fell, possibly because of more widespread screening and use of multiple

But the other two leading cancers are more perplexing. Prostate cancer, a scourge of aging males, showed a drop in the statistics but may not be falling at all. The seeming gains may be a statistical mirage caused mostly by changes in the way the disease is screened for and diagnosed.

The biggest declines were found in colon and rectal cancers, but nobody has the foggiest idea why. The key screening tests, fecal blood testing and sig-moidscopy, are not widely used, so early detection is probably not the reason. The best guess is that more polyps are being cut out earlier, somewhat better treatments may be helping, or dietary

changes and exercise may play a role. Meanwhile, the incidence of melanoma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma are up, and some racial and ethnic groups are not sharing in the improved cancer rates. The tide of battle in the war on cancer may be turning slightly, but there are huge battles still to be fought.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Hear the Jones Case

Paula Jones's lawsuit should see trial has turned into a mud-wrestling match. The president has a legalistic defense of questionable moral and political relevance to the allegations against him. Ms. Jones's brief is filled with salacious factual allegations that are politically and morally damaging yet of questionable legal relevance to the case.

The president's argument that the case should be thrown out, which his lawyers filed last month, was a fairly typical sexual harassment defense: 1 didn't do it, and she liked it anyway and whatever happened wasn't illegal. Mr. Clinton "adamantly denies that he sexually harassed" Ms. Jones at the Excelsior Hotel on May 8, 1991, his brief states. But the lawyers throw in, for good measure, an affidavit alleging that Ms. Jones later boasted of her encounter with Mr. Clinton, calling him "gentle" and "nice." Even assuming for argument's sake that she did not enjoy their non-encounter and Mr. Clinton did behave objectionably, the Clinton camp argues that it was not legally sexual harassment because Ms. Jones suffered no job detriment as a result of the incident, which was also not severe enough to make a hostile

work environment. Ms. Jones's response, filed on Friday, tells a very different story from the president's: He assaulted me, and not ust me, either. Ms. Jones's lawyers do not satisfy themselves with their own client's already sensational claim that then Governor Clinton sent a state trooper to bring their client to his hotel room, exposed himself to her and

The legal argument over whether asked for oral sex. They also catalogue a host of other alleged Clinton sexual improprieties and argue that he has attempted to obstruct justice in the case by suppressing evidence of his alleged affairs with other women.

The relevance of these other women to the Jones case and whether this evidence ultimately should be admitted at trial is debatable. The Jones camp means to argue that Mr. Clinton has a pattern of giving jobs and job benefits to women who succumbed to his sexual advances, while Ms. Jones, who says she resisted, claims to have suffered professionally as a result. Mr. Clinton's lawyers will undoubtedly try to limit the scope of any trial to the alleged incident at the hotel. In any event, the prominence of these women in the Jones brief is far out of proportion to their relevance to the central arguments in the case. It appears to be an effort to maximize the cost of the suit to Mr. Clinton's reputation.

Mr. Clinton's motion highlights serious deficiencies in Ms. Jones's case although it badly fails to address the ethical questions raised about the president by her suit. It does, in our view, leave room for her to convince a reasonable jury that Mr. Clinton broke the law by sexually harassing her and thereby discriminating against her. Enough of the material in the Jones brief raises questions about the president's credibility and the pattern of his past behavior that the judge can't be sure. Putting all of the distasteful atmospherics aside, this means that Paula

Jones should have her day in court. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

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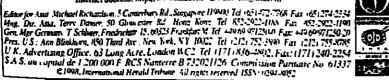
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The Workers of Asia Need Social Security Systems

MANILA — Millions of low-in-come and fledgling middle-class workers have fallen off the social ladder as a result of Asia's currency and financial crisis. Most are angry and bewildered, as they have a right to be.

For the most part, they have worked and saved hard. Now, jobless and with eroded savings, they see themselves as victims of the imprudent behavior of others. For them, the Asian miracle has proved a mirage.

Thousands of enterprises have shut down in the worst-hit countries — the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Indonesia. The number of unemployed has risen sharply and is expected to increase further.

To lose one's job in a developed country is tough enough; drops in living standards and self-esteem are among the common negative effects. In Asia, however, losing a job can be little short of catastrophic.

In Asian societies that have no welldeveloped social security systems, being unemployed often means a very short fall from subsistence living to

By Mitsuo Sato

dire poverty. When the support of the extended family dries up, women and children are the first to suffer.

Children have to drop out of school, medical problems go untreated, malnutrition rises. The fabric of the family is worn by tension. Drug and alcohol abuse rates rise. The suicide rate soars.

In these times of austerity, Thailand is to be applauded for adopting an innovative \$500 million social sector program to cushion its most vulnerable groups against the worst effects of the crisis. This is the first major undertaking by an Asian government to develop a social safety net for the dis-

Indonesia, whose population is larger and more vulnerable than Thai-land's, plans a similar program and is watching closely. In both countries, such programs are being designed and will be financed with assistance from the Asian Development Bank.

In Thailand, the support is primarily

Counseling is given for those experiencing trauma, retraining for those who seek to acquire new skills. The the education and skills of the work force, a prerequisite to Thailand's re-

turn to international competitiveness. The program will also protect edu-cation and health plans aimed at the poor. Funds will be provided to keep children in school and to meet their basic health and nutrition needs.

The program may be modest in proportion to the country's total needs, but it is a step in the right direction. To be sure, such a move is not wholly altruistic. Governments hope that such programs will be an antidote to social unrest.

Provision of social safety nets is an essential part of addressing the Asian contagion, but it is only one component of the treatment.

Intense debate in the international aid community in recent months is producing a growing consensus that the Asian malaise needs far more than the monetary and fiscal restraints of tra-

for those who have lost their jobs. ditional structural adjustment programs. Promoting economic growth is still one of the most effective ways of fighting poverty. An expanding econprogram includes measures to improve omy creates jobs and raises incomes Asia still has the strong fundamentals of high savings and investment rates and relatively moderate inflation that first attracted investors.

What Asia needs to do is carry out the structural and institutional reforms in its financial sectors that will bring back investors. Most governments have recognized the flaws and are taking steps to reform their financial sectors, making them more transparent and accountable.

It is only a matter of time before. Asia's stricken economies recover: When they do, they may well induced investors to return in larger numbers Until then, more countries should fold low Thailand's lead in taking action to protect their most vulnerable groups.

The writer, president of the Asian Development Bank, contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

Take It From Liu, Democracy's Sun Will Shine in China

JIN ZHOU, China — After several days of following village elections in northeast China with an international observer team, two lessons:

 Old habits die hard. In Jin Zhou village, near Dalian, vilagers were voting in the town hall when one elderly man with a gray Mao cap dntifully picked up his pink ballot, walked right past the screens behind which he was supposed to mark his choices, and then started to deposit the unmarked

ballot in the voting box. Before he could drop it in, a young woman voting monitor grabbed his hand and apparently said, "You have to mark a choice on the ballot before you put it in the box." The old man obviously didn't realize that voting in village elections meant he got a choice.

• New habits are quickly learned. Elections are a funny thing. Give people a chance to vote and they will usually tell you what they think, even Chinese peasants.

In the village of Kai An we

By Thomas L. Friedman

his opponent dropped out on the eve of the vote, probably under pressure of some sort. But a lot of villagers didn't like being forced to vote for the incumbent, Yang Yu Chang. So 300 villagers cast write-in votes for the peasant-farmer Sun Lian Fang. Rather gutsy.

Lord knows, these village elections do not signify that the Communist Party has decided to build democracy from the ground up here. These elections were initiated by the party to recruit better people to manage villages and make them more prosperous — but with the party retaining ironfisted control at the top.

Nevertheless, these elections have clearly empowered some villagers, and have become another sign that China is in a transition from brutal authoritarianism to a little less brutal authoritarianism.

"Before China can demo-

discovered that the incumbent cratize, it has to liberalize — it had won by a landslide because has to go through a phase that has to go through a phase that the political scientist Robert Scalapino called 'authoritarian pluralism." So argued the Hoover Institution democracy scholar Larry Diamond, one of the observers.

"Village elections are one indication that China is entering a phase in which individuals, groups, villages and enterprises are beginning to be able to independently express their interests and concerns, under the umbrella of party rule. That is the beginning of liberalization — when you have multiple points of power and interests and everything is not dictated from one hege-

monic center." Chinese have begun to sue police for wrongful arrests, even winning some cases. A pirate, unlicensed business press is emerging in Shanghai, because of demand by investors there for real market news. And semi-autonomous

consumer and environmental groups are mushrooming. What is also intriguing is

that now that the party is permitting village elections, there is a desire to do it right. The observer team signed an

accord on Friday with China's Ministry of Civil Affairs, under which the Carter Center in Atlanta will help the ministry establish a national data collection system on village elections that will allow it, for the first time, to track all results. "The Chinese opted for village elections in part as a

means of promoting stability," said Robert Pastor, head of the Carter team, "but now that they have elections, they know they've got to get them right with secret ballots and real choice. Otherwise they become a source of instability."

They have a way to go. We saw village elections that had real open nominations and competition, and we saw others where the local party seemed to have rigged the outcome.

But if they ever do get them

right, who knows? In Heng Dao we asked the re-elected incumbent, a party member, whether he thought his villagers would like a chance to also elect their county chief. Yes, he said. How about the province chief? Him too, he said. How about the president? Yeah, him too.

A Beijing official, who was with the observers and was listening, muttered: "That was an interesting answer."

Bottom line: There is a sense

of political movement. It should not be exaggerated or ignored. Take it from Liu Fu, the losing candidate for village chief of Gujiazling. He said he

was sorry to lose, but he had seen worse. During the Cultural Revolution he had been banished, and now, 20 years later, he was running for village chief. Asked if he ever lost hope

during the Cultural Revolution, he answered with a Chinese proverb that I believe applies to China generally today: "No hand can block out the sun." The New York Times.

Making Deals With the Devil in Baghdad and Belgrade

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

WASHINGTON — Slobodan Milosevic's killings in Kosovo remind us that cans are slow learners. Through cial terror became our leading otherwise would be of lesser American interest, continue to vex American policy.

The two men are "the true architects of the new world order," Edward Mortimer observes ironically in the Financial Times. They are rulebreakers at a time when the United States seeks to replace great-power confrontation with a common respect for international rules of good conduct. Unfortunately, we Ameri-

ONDON — A startling new treatment is found

that allows people with heart

failure to live almost normal

lives. It is risky, but without it

the patients will certainly die.

The answer, for most people, is "of course." But

what if some people have de-

cided that the treatment is

against nature, that it inter-feres with God's work and

might, worst of all, reduce the

personal autonomy of those who benefit? Should the pa-

tients be allowed to expire in

the interest of moral and in-

Put in such terms, the idea

seems ridiculous. Yet this

kind of thinking forms a large

part of the argument against

cloning. Opponents of the new

genetics are using emotion

and moral panic to preempt

Thirty years ago, the onset

of bodily decay meant, for

many, immediate death. Heart

failure was nearly always

fatal. Transplants have helped

change that. In the early days,

the idea of taking organs from

people who were scarcely

dead and putting them into others who were only just

The procedure was carried

out with little understanding

of tissue matching and even

less of rejection, and many

recipients expired within

weeks. Few doctors dared to

try such a risky operation. But Christiaan Barnard of South

Africa and Norman Shumway

As outrageous as their work

These transplant pioneers in its purest form.

seemed at the time, it led to a

would not, in the brave new

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Do you use it?

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Gulf containments became 'dual,'' of Iraq as well as Iran. But the dilemma of dealing with a hostile Saddam Hussein did not stop there. Gradually the control of his weapons of spe-

Common Sense About Cloning

By Steve Jones

world of medical ethics, get

away with it today. They

might not even get away with

taking part of a minute and

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into another one. That is be-

cause of the dread word

with metaphorical threat to

After all, each cell in the body

is a clone of the fertilized egg

that made us. Identical twins,

of course, are clones from the

the ethics of cloning centers

on an irrelevance - the pos-

sibility of cloning an adult hu-

man. And that remote pros-

pect is being used as an excuse

man cloning shocking. I do

not. The objections turn on

genetic essentialism, the idea

that a clone would be stig-

matized, treated as a second-

class citizen, with fewer

freedoms than an organism

produced by sex - in other

words, that rights reside in

this "DNA über alles" argu-

ment to its logical extreme. A

Nazi who received a trans-

fusion of Jewish blood was

blood could not be moved

across the racial divide, be-

cause biological purity was

considered compromised. That anitude is disgraceful,

but it is essentialism - humans as products of DNA -

In the old South Africa,

In the 1930s, the Nazis took

genes rather than people.

thrown out of the party.

Many find the idea of hu-

for a much wider ban.

Much of the debate about

everyone except biologists.

'cloning.' This term is heavy

They use it all the time.

his neighbors.

Soon we found that our threat of force was in itself not enough to achieve the desired arms control. The threat needed to be leveraged by an invitation to diplomacy. Supplying that ini-tiative, Kofi Annan demonstrated that the combination of the two actually reinforced our claims for on-site inspections. It is these inspections that have resulted in the detection and dismantling of the part of the Iraqi arsenal so far revealed.

sentialist panic is restriction of

the chance of copying tissues

leukemia. Her only hope is a

transplant. What is wrong

with her using her own eggs,

and her own genes, to clone a

This is not possible yet, but

it will be soon. In the future,

perhaps a heart or a kidney could be made in the same

way, or her eggs could be re-

vivified with some foreign ge-

rejected an anti-cloning bill as

too broad, but it will probably

revisit the subject over the

next year. The National Right

to Life Committee and other

opponents of abortion are

against not only human clon-

ing but also embryo research.

During the Cold War, Gen-eral Omar Bradley said,

'Ours is a world of nuclear

giants and ethical infants." In

the new war against genetics.

there is danger of entering a

universe of self-appointed

ethical giants who see their

In the early days of heart transplants, the specter of

Frankenstein was often in-

voked by those who saw the

surgeons' work as an insult

against nature, which of course

it was. That argument was for-

about cloning. Otherwise,

next time you need a trans-

plant, what will you do -- call

The writer, a professor of

cenetics at University College

London and author of "In the

Blood," contributed this com-

It is time for common sense

gotten but is being reborn.

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task as controlling science.

The U.S. Senate recently

new tissue to save her life?

Say a woman is dying of

or organs.

netic material.

A blow at Iraq, it is now banian nationalisms is now the certain political consequences of intense Arab rage. At this point, consideration

of a blow may not be renewed unless Saddam for some reason terminates the cooperation with UN inspectors that spared him the last time around. With diplomacy, of course,

comes cost as well as benefit. The United Nations rang, and Saddam Hussein picked up: Inspections are proceeding. That is fine. With the encouragement of Mr. Annan and some Security Council members, however, Saddam is now wielding the transaction to break out of his American-led isolation.

Such engagement cuts across both the containing of Saddam and the developing of programs to remove him from power. Still, the higher requirement is surely to maintain the focus on disarming and deterring him. Slobodan Milosevic is dif-

ferent. Just when everyone thought that Bosnia was finally on its halting way to better days, the discredited but still wily Serbian leader launched a test of American resolve on the ticking-bomb issue of Kosovo. His repressive rule in that

Serbian province has created an armed resistance among its 90 percent ethnic Albanian majority. The ambush of four Serbian policemen occasioned a disproportionate Serbian response that took scores of civilian lives. The clash of Serbian and Al-

widely accepted, would at least hottest question in the Balkans. have showed resolve and de- Shivering in pariah cold, Mr. livered punishment. But it also Milosevic had thought to win would have brought on the un- some warming by helping to seat a democratic leader in the Serbian enclave of Bosnia, It was an obscenity that the single person most responsible for the war that the Dayton peace conference was called to stanch now stepped forward as a rescuer of Dayton. Still, his was an

offer that authentic peace seekers could not refuse. Thus did Mr. Milosevic earn an American chit. But, American officials warn, he did not earn a free hand in Kosovo.

Nor, these officials insist, should Kosovars mistake. American criticism of Mr. Milosevic's violence for American support of an independent Kosovo. What the United States does support is international peacekeeping, human rights (no terrorism) and a Serbian-Albanian political dialogue.

Always in these messy affairs the question is whether to do business with the devil, here with genuine war criminals with the aggressor, rule flouter, poison chemicals-user Saddam Hussein in order to restore the arms inspections, and with the chief perpetrator of the Yugoslav catastrophe, Slobodan Milosevic, in order to pick up a few

of the Balkan pieces. The right way is to go ahead warily as long as there is a fair chance of consummating the transaction and of keeping new costs and obligations within the limits of the business at hand.

The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: No Federalism LONDON - The Times, re-

garding the proposal in the House of Commons for Home Rule all around, says: "A more extraordinary state of confusion than would result from the dissolution of the United Kingdom by throwing it into the melting pot of federalism can-not be imagined. To undo the consolidating work of centuries and to set up a federal system where separate States do not already exist would be to put back the clock with a curiously

1923: Smuggled Aliens

perverse deliberation."

NEW YORK - Charges that certain Eastern railroads foster the bootlegging of aliens from countries whose immigrant quotas are exhausted are made by the Department of Labor. It is charged that these European and

ica's golden fleece, are hired for jobs vacated by Americans who went on strike last summer. Some enter in the guise of surplus members of ships' crews others are cast into the melting pot by way of the unparrolled west coast of Florida.

1948: Aid for Europe

WASHINGTON - House Foreign Affairs Committee members started work today [March 15] on the \$5,300,000,000 European Recovery program bill after the Senate approved the measure. Secretary of State George C. Marshall had warned Senators: "The danger remains that the Communist-dominated countries of Europe will increase their pressure on Greece just as they have in other directions in Europe. Should we rections in Europe. Should we rections in Europe. Should we rection in the consequences would be swift elose is defined in the rectionary as no constined to Greece. Asian Jasons, seeking Amer- be confined to Greece."

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"You can't divert resources to other things without suffering on the sequencing," says Dr. Robert Waterston.

The Struggle to Decipher DNA

Only 3 Percent of Genome Project Is Done

By Nicholas Wade New York Times Service

T. LOUIS — In a drab gray building in the industrial outskirts of St. Louis, a team of 200 people is working 19 hours a day in pursuit of the ultimate self-knowledge. They are spearheading the effort to sequence the human genome by 2005. The odds of success at this point are

not overwhelming. At the end of this month, the project will be halfway through its planned 15-year course, yet only 3 percent of the genome has been completed. Of the nine American centers involved in the pursuit, just one, the Genome Sequencing Center here in St. Louis, is deciphering human DNA at a significant rate. Its only peer is the Sanger Center in Hinxton, England. Together the two centers have produced half of the 106 million letters of human DNA so far completed.

coiled double ribbon of DNA holds the not just technically ambitious. The genetic instructions to make and operate of how humans differ from apes, the saga of early human migrations and the programming variations that help make each individual unique. The genome is the basis for much of what scientists can hope to explain about the physical aspects of human life.

"For the first time, we humans are

quences," said Dr. Robert Weinberg, a cancer biologist at the Whitehead Institute in Boston. "We're not talking about how butterflies fly or trees grow: we are dealing here with the mystery of the human spirit. Analysis of these sequences will not define the essence of humanity, but aspects of human beings that have hitherto been as awe-inspiring will be reduced to rather banal biochemical explanations, and that's not altogether heartening maybe the mystery is good."

As might be expected in so ambitious an undertaking, opinions differ as to whether the full human sequence can be completed on schedule. Dr. Francis S. Collins, the director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, said he was "quite optimistic this goal will be achieved, and without depending on a bolt-from-the-blue breakthrough." But the costs of sequencing are not coming down as fast as hoped, and the scientists involved in the effort The goal of sequencing the entire are concerned that the necessary resources may not be available. One of them, Dr. Craig venter of the institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Maryland, said that "every single group has fallen behind, even us.

> HE genome project has always seemed a stretch, and it still depends on an invent-asyou-go approach. For no other animal, not even the simplest, has the coded. Only recently have the first bac- time," Dr. Weinberg said.

teria, with genomes of a mere one million or so letters of DNA, yielded to sequencing, the term for working out the order of the chemical units in DNA. The human genome is 3,000 times as large.

Sequencing the human genome is a tangible goal but only part of a much larger endeavor, that of understanding what the genetic instructions in the genome mean. Post-genomics, as this interpretive process is sometimes called, has already begun in earnest. A new discipline known as bioinformatics, or computational biology, has sprung up to handle and interpret the streams of DNA now entering computer data bases. Gen-Bank, the DNA data base run by the National Center for Biotechnology Information, already holds more than a billion DNA bases from human and other species, and has grown so popular that 8,000 biologists consult it daily.

Another spur to post-genomics has been a technique for fishing out small snippets of genes from the genome. The DNA sequence of these fragments can be programmed into a new device called a DNA chip, enabling the chip to tell which genes are expressed, or switched on, in particular tissues of the body. Biologists can now hope to understand many diseases at the level of the human cell by comparing gene expression in normal and diseased tissue.

The fruits of the genome project will enormously speed our efforts to understand human diseases, both infull genetic programming yet been de- herited and those that strike in life-

Protecting Your Bones

Even Young Women Should Watch Calcium

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - My friend Carole and I paid a long overdue visit to the Osteoporosis Prevention Center at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York last month to have the density of our bones measured. Carole is 59, and I am nearing 57, and we both should have had this test done for the first time when we entered menopause around age 50, repeating it, if warranted by the initial results and our

risk factors, a few years later. But neither of us had any reason to believe our bones would be anything less than perfect. We do not smoke or drink much alcohol and never did. We are not skinny and have never been anorexic. We do weight-bearing exercise every day. We both began estrogen replacement at menopause. Neither of us has a family history of osteoporosis. I have consumed a quart of milk a day for most of my life, and Carole takes a calcium supplement and a multivitamin containing vitamin D and calcium.

So we were confident as we lay on the examining table while the arm of a special X-ray machine passed over our lower spines and right hips. The test, called Dual-Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry, is the most reliable way to measure the

mineral content of one's bones. As it turned out, the bone density of my spine and hips were good - nearly as good as that of a 35-year-old woman with healthy bones. In most women, bone density peaks between the ages of 30 and 35, making this the benchmark for maximum bone density. But Carole was shocked to discover that while the density of her hip bones was borderline normal, the density of her spine was well below normal, approaching the level that the World Health Organization defines as osteoporotic and that many doctors now treat with bone-enhancing drugs.

Had Carole known earlier, she could have made some dietary changes years ago to increase her calcium intake and thus slow the loss of bone.

UDITH Andariese, the nursepractitioner who evaluated Carole's test results, advised her to keep up her exercise regimen, handed her a comprehensive list of calcium-rich foods and told her to double her calcium supplement to achieve a total intake of 1,500 milligrams a day. She also recommended that Carole repeat the bone density test in a year.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation recommends a bone density test for men as well as women with several risk factors for bone loss, including a family history of the disease and a personal history of smoking and drinking.

Concern about bone density should

start decades before menopause. Theresa Galsworthy, director of the Osteoporosis Prevention Center, said that

calcium-rich dier in childhood, adolescence and young adulthood leaves one with a slender bank account of bone mineral when the withdrawals start exceeding deposits after age 35, especially when those withdrawals accelerate greatly at menopause.

Although hormone replacement and weight-bearing exercise can slow postmenopausal bone loss, they cannot do much for bones when calcium is in short supply. But consuming enough calcium is not as simple as many women think.

The recommended calcium intake for women over 50 who are on hormone replacement is 1,000 milligrams a day. rising to 1,500 milligrams for women not on hormones and for all women over 65. But if your diet is rich in animal protein - say, more than four ounces a day of meat, poultry or fish — your calcium needs rise even further, to about 1.500 to 1,800 milligrams even if you take estrogen. And, without an adequate supply of vitamin D, your body cannot properly absorb and utilize calcium.

There are three sources of vitamin D: foods like fortified milk and products made from fortified milk (yogurt is not among them), as well as some fish; supplements (either a multivitamin with vitamin D or calcium with D) and sunexposed skin. Although it takes only 15 minutes a day of sun on the face to produce enough vitamin D, current advice to avoid the sun and use sunscreen have decreased the body's ability to manufacture vitamin D from sunlight.

Milk and milk products are still the best all-around sources of dietary calcium; nonfat and low-fat versions have more calcium than their fattier cousins. Eight ounces of skim or one percent milk provide nearly 300 milligrams, and a cup of nonfat yogurt has 400 milligrams.

Good nondairy sources of calcium

include sardines and canned salmon eaten with the bones; dark-green leafy vegetables like arugula (the best, with 309 milligrams in half a cup), collards, bok choy, dandelion greens, kale, mus-

tard and turnip greens, and figs.
But other calcium-rich vegetables like spinach, chard, sorrel, parsley and beet greens are not good sources because they contain oxalic acid, which inhibits calcium absorption.

If you must rely partly or entirely on calcium supplements, take them in divided doses (morning, noon and evening) with a meal to maximize absorp-

Counting the Calcium

Calcium in the diet helps keep the bones strong, and from adolescence on, the recommended intake ranges from 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams a day. Here are the approximate levels of calcium in some foods:

FOOD	QUANTITY	CALCIUM
Whole milk	1 cup	291 mg
Skim milk	1 cup	302 mg
Carnation Instant Breakfast	1 packet	407 mg
Cheddar cheese	1 ounce	204 mg
Mozzarelia	1 ounce	147 mg
Swiss cheese	1 ounce	272 mg
Sardines, canned, with bones	8 medium	368 mg
Tofu, firm	1/2 cup	258 mg
Tofu, regular	1/2 cup	130 mg
Collards	1/2 cup	179 mg
Arugula	1/2 cup	30 mg
Figs, dried, cut	5 medium	34 mg
Orange	1 medium	52 mg
Instant oatmeal	1 packet	163 mg
Almonds, shelled	1/2 cup	75 mg
Cottage cheese	1/2 cup	68 mg
Parmesan	1 ounce	336 mg
Broccoli, cooked, chopped	1/2 cup	47 mg
Salmon, canned, with bones	3 ounces	203 mg
Yogurt, nonfat, plain	1 cup	452 mg
Yogurt, lowfat, w/fruit	1 cup	383 mg
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The Rush to Cosmetic Surgery

By Sharon Walsh Washington Post Service

EW YORK — Business is booming for Denise Thomas, a consultant who takes clients doctor-shopping for just the right cosmetic surgery to laser away wrinkles, get rid of droopy eyelids. suction out fat or tighten up necks.

Her appointment book contains the names of physicians, lawyers, graphic artists, Wall Street vice presidents and museum curators who are willing to endure expensive and painful procedures to look younger.

Plastic surgery, at one time the province of the rich and famous, has become a refuge of the merely middle class and the barely old. While widespread acceptance of the nip and tuck has been growing in the last decade, its use has mushroomed in a climate of rising disposable income and the baby boomers' fear of aging. Once the goal was to look more beautiful. Now, ex-

perts say, it is to stay young-looking. 'A lot of the baby boomers have the money and they are fighting like hell to stay young, especially the men," Ms. Thomas said. "It's been a very big year. A wonderful year, And I think next year will be even better."

Statistics show that the number of men and women in the United States having cosmetic surgery has increased by 75 percent in the past four years and that both sexes are undergoing procedures at younger ages than in the past. In New York state, more than 91,000 cosmetic procedures were performed in 1996, according to the American Society

of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

At the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat rid of bags under their eyes or sagging Hospital, the largest cosmetic surgery hospital in the world, the number of procedures so far this year is up 20 percent over last year.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture and the Numtion Information Cent.

The plastic surgeons' group says many people are having eye-lifts, turniny tucks or liposuction in their 30s or 40s rather than waiting for their 50s. In 1992, 58 percent of those having turniny tucks were between 35 and 50. Four years later, that age group had only 32 percent of the turnmy tucks performed; those in the 19 to 34 age group getting them leaped to 33 percent from 19 percent.

The number of men having eye-lifts and liposuction - the United States's No. 1 plastic surgery procedure - has gone up steadily across the country. And, the experts said, the number of women climbing the corporate ladder who come in for surgery also has boomed.

"I've done 5,000 anti-aging procedures in the last 20 years," said Gerald Imber, a plastic surgeon who said the majority of his patients are professional people. "I think that now maintenance is really the name of the game." Women "can look virtually unchanged" be-tween the ages of 35 and 50, he said.

"No one wants to look like they're too old and tired to do the job," said Donald Giddon, clinical professor of behavioral science at New York University. "It's probably job specific. But the public's perception of age is that with age comes memory loss. People assume that if you look older, you have lost some brain power.'

George Beraka, who teaches surgery at Cornell Medical College, said men

rid of bags under their eyes or sagging jowls - but still want to keep their liposuction of love handles quiet, preferring that people think they've been on a long vacation. "Men fear they'll be considered effeminate if they care too much about how they look." he said.

Costs vary widely depending on where the patient has the surgery done and the expertise of the surgeon, but whether it's a \$4,000 eye-lift or a \$20,000 face-lift, the money doesn't seem to be a stumbling block.

OSMETIC surgery is more common now in part because it has become safer. New techniques, such as laser resurfacing to remove wrinkles or sun damage, and endoscopic surgery, which leaves only a pin-prick of a scar, have revolutionized some procedures, surgeons said.

The search for the perfect face is not without controversy, however. Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center was forced to close its plastic surgery division after state health officials learned that its residents were secretly performing cosmetic surgery without supervision for cash.

And it is certainly not cheap: One woman paid \$15,000 for the surgeon, \$1,800 for private duty nurses, \$1,400 for the hospital, \$1,050 for anesthesia and \$379 a night for a hotel suite where she and a nurse stayed for several days. (In most cosmetic surgery the patient is released from the hospital hours after the procedure but needs around-the-clock care for days while on pain medication.) Grand total: more than \$20,000.

IN BRIEF

TB Prevention for HIV Patients

LONDON (Reuters) - Scientists in the United States say that they have devised a way of preventing tuberculosis in HIV patients, and that their treatments could reduce outbreaks of the infectious wasting disease in developing countries.

HIV sufferers have a higher risk of developing TB in the developing world. It is also more difficult to treat due to a lack of medical facilities and the fact that drug treatments can take up to a year.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health reported in the journal The Lancet that two other drug treatments, lasting only two or six months, were equally effective. Dr. Richard Chaisson said that he and his colleagues found

that twice-weekly doses of isoniazid given for six months, or rifampicin and pyrazinamide taken over two months, protected most of the 750 HTV patients who took part in the study. "This is a great leap forward in finding a way to prevent TB in a lot of people who previously would not have been able to receive appropriate preventive measures," he said.

"Fewer than five percent of patients in either study arm developed tuberculosis over a mean follow-up of 2.5 years, the researchers said.

Pass the Salt, Research Team Says

LONDON (Reuters) - Low salt diets could be hazardous to your health, a team of U.S. researchers contends.

Contrary to the common belief that eating too much salt can lead to heart attacks and strokes, lowering sodium intake might actually be harmful, say doctors at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. "Cancel current recommendations to reduce salt intake, and wait for more data," said Dr. Michael Alderman, a professor of epidemiology and social medicine.

Dr. Alderman and his team analyzed the diets of 11,000 people who took part in the first U.S. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey that started in 1971.

"Our survey provides no support for recommendations to lower sodium as a goal of dietary policy," Dr. Alderman wrote in The Lancet.

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Can Canoodling Provoke a Hissy Fit?

By William Safire

Orrin Hatch, told The New York Times ident and the former White House intern Monica Lewinsky prove to be true, we have perhaps the first presidential canoodler in history."

and the Year The Utah senator is a devotee of American slang; his 1996 use of hissy dog canoodling with his lady dingoes fit, meaning "temper tantrum," stimulated the speculation in this space that the etymon was hysteria.

Whence canoodle? Slanguists J.S. Farmer and William Ernest Henley in their 1890 dictionary defined the term as "to fondle; hill and coo; indulge in endearments," its synonym firkytoodle, a verb that seems to have

And then there are specials and special relationships.

slipped into desuctude. Their earliest citation was from an 1859 book by the English journalist George Augustus Sala: "A sly kiss, and a squeeze ... known to our American cousins (who are great adepts at sweet-hearting) un-

der the generic name of canoodling. The derivation is in furious dispute. One school is influenced by H.L. Mencken's assertion that the word was an extravagant invention created by Americans in the Missouri-Mississippi A North Annual Property of the Control of the Contr basin, home of many German immigrants. The etymologist W. E. Umbach found the German verb knudeln, "to cuddle," which has a second, fondlingrelated sense of "to pat, knead," as in the making of dumplings called Knoedel. Samuel Jones of the Unino. versity of Wisconsin informs me that the German schnusen, also meaning to hold close," is defined in the 1980 Collins German Dictionary as "to ca-

noodle."...

not an Americanism at all. Drawing on its meaning in The Economist recently: EW YORK — The chairman of the 1945 research of B.J. Whiting.
James Rader of Merriam-Webster says that "Merriam files have nothing to that if allegations concerning the pressuggest it is an Americanism. The British Notes and Queries for Sept. 3, 1927, recorded it as 'Nottingham dialect for 'to cuddle.' 'Australia's New South Wales Bulletin in 1928 wrote: 'This fuss over the possibility of the Alsatian

Merriam-Webster bases its judg-ment on an entry in Wright's English Dialect Dictionary that treats canoodle as a Somerset noun meaning "donkey. . Used also figuratively of one who makes love foolishly or 'spoonies.' "

Which side to believe? Is the origin in the squeezable German dumpling or ficult. the furnbling caresses of a lovesick English lass? Fair-minded readers are

William Schaefer, 76, former governor of Maryland and a lifelong bachelor, faithfully visits Hilda Mae Snoops, 73, a divorced mother of three usually described as his "longtime companion," in her retirement home.

In a warm and sentimental Valenrine's Day feature, The Washington Post's Karl Vick wrote of the lasting quality of the friendship that included the time they kept house together during his two terms in the Governor's Mansion. However, no one was quite

certain how to refer to her.

"This is his girlfriend?" said Nelson Sabatini, Schaefer's friend and former secretary of health, running through the usual options for the reporter. "This is his close friend? His dear friend? You know, lady friend?" Then he decided on what he felt was the perfect word: "His special friend!"

Special is a Rashomon word, gleaming with different facets of meaning. Rooted in the Latin species, "a particular group," the most common

The knudeln theory is knocked by sense is "out of the ordinary," one step the school that argues that the word is shy of the solitary "unique." That was "All this points to a relationship between president and intern which was in some way, sexual or not, special." But the special relationship is a

phrase with its own historic connotation. Winston Churchill first referred to "our special relationship with the United States and Canada about the atomic bomb" in the House of Commons in 1945 and repeated special relationship in his 1946 "Iron Curtain" speech meaning "the fraternal association of the English-speaking peoples."

During the 1980s, the adjective became a euphemism for "mentally or physically handicapped": special children were dealt with in special ed classes. A related meaning was "dif-

Then there was the use of special, English lass? Fair-minded readers are urged to disregard leaks from self-serving etymologists and to reserve judgment on canoodle.

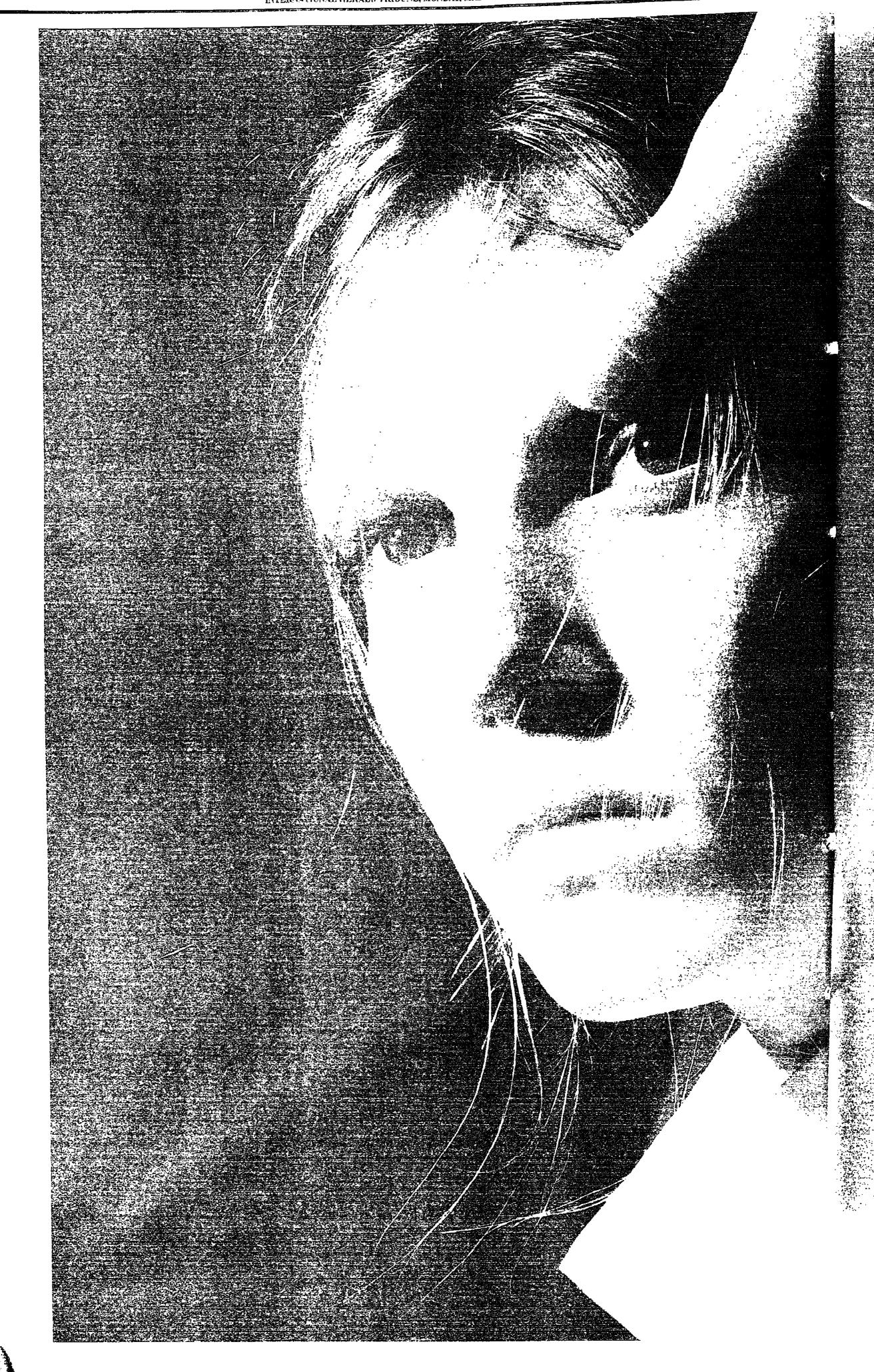
again with relationship, to describe gay males living together, which in the '90s is also applied to two men living together who are not lovers. The word was used against gay political activists seeking what they called equal rights by opponents who charged they were seeking special rights - using the adjective to imply more or superior

> This explosion of use, on top of the previous generation's television special and journalism's Special to The New York Times, caused a backlash. On "Saturday Night Live," with the comedian Dana Carvey, as "the Church Lady," deriding her targets in a nasal twang with "Isn't that special!" "The use of special in this way,"

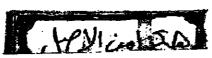
notes Jim Crotty, author of "How to Talk American," "is a hyperironic spoof of the way a Mr. Rogers-type might speak, or the way a kindergarten teacher might talk down to a 'young person.' The humor is in mocking the patronizing quality of another type of person's sincere use of the word spe-

When too much use debases a word's currency, it becomes specially priced.

New York Times Service



The state of the s





By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

MOUNT VERNON, Illinois — Darla Wexsten was soaking in the bathtub one House was on the line.

Wrapped in a towel and dripping wet. Ms. Wexsten listened intently as President Bill Clinton gently tried to persuade her to seek the House seat from the 20th Congressional District in southcentral Illinois.

hard sell with Ms. Wexstten, 44, a social worker who was born and reared in this rural town. The statistics speak for them-

A Week to Blush Over

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already absorbed the reports of Mr. Clin-

ton's alleged philandering, and many

have decided to ignore more details

about Mr. Clinton's personal life.
Nonetheless, the document dump was

a dramatic event. The many pages of depositions — and Mrs. Willey's sched-

uled appearance on the CBS News pro-

gram "60 Minutes" on Sunday night ---

begin to shed more light on the names

behind the stories that have haunted Mr.

ition in the Jones case on Jan. 17, he was

asked questions about Mrs. Willey, who

was in financial and personal distress

and had asked him for a permanent job.

At one point, he said: "I did to her what

I have done to scores and scores of men

and women who have worked for me or

been my friends over the years. I embraced her, I put my arms around her. I may have

Mr. Clinton is indeed demonstrative.

Anyone who has seen him reach out to ordinary Americans can envision the

But what Mrs. Willey alleged happened that November day in the

White House was not an encounter between a caring president and a distraught constituent. Mr. Clinton, she testified in

the Jones case, embraced her for longer

than she expected, tried to kiss her on the

had wanted to do that for a long time."

during his deposition, Mr. Clinton said,

For the prosecutor, she is a potentially

"I emphatically deny it."

the Lewinsky investigation.

When confronted with her testimony

even kissed her on the forehead.

scene he described.

When the president gave his depos-

Clinton throughout his presidency.

CLINTON:

up to run, successfully, for the Senate in do 1996. The Republican who succeeded him, Representative John Shimkus, is a freshman who was elected by a margin Saturday morning in December when of only 1,238 votes in one of the closest her husband, Jim, raced up the stairs and House races in the country. And Mr. summoned her to the phone. The White Shimkus, a former high school teacher, is still struggling to make a name for

"I told him the truth: that it's an honor to be asked but I had not made a de-cision," Ms. Wexstten recalled. "It's hard to say no to your commander in chief. I told him I'd give it another Mr. Clinton should not have needed a evening of prayerful consideration. He running — the deadline for a Democrat ard sell with Ms. Wexsten, 44, a social talked about how this is a winnable to file in the race against Mr. Shimkus

selves: A Democrat, Richard Durbin, are days I wouldn't want to wish it on escaped without an opponent.

pros and cons and more prayer, Ms. Wexsiten decided that her most important work was not in the Congress but with her 13-year-old daughter, Erin

that's fine."

Three days after Mr. Clinton's call and weeks after Democratic leaders had first approached Ms. Wexstten about came and went. One of the most vul-"He said: 'This is a hard life. There nerable incumbents in the country had

held the seat from 1982 until he gave it anybody. But we have important work to Ms. Wexsten is not alone. Dozens of rising stars, Democrats and Republicans After more agonizing, more lists of alike, decided not to run for Congress this year in what political strategists describe as a growing trend. Even after people said that serving in the House was wheedling from the president (or, in the case of Republicans, from the House beaker, Newt Gingrich) and promises "I could tell that she really did want me to stay home," she said as her hus-band kissed Erin Beth on the head. "And ficials in both parties concede.

In interviews, people who chose not to run in 1998 - many for what appeared to be winnable seats — offered many reasons. But the explanations were similar: Would-be members of Congress complained that the rigors of fund-raising and of being away from home ex-acted too much of a personal toll.

And even if they could be assured of being elected to the \$136,700-a-year position (it would have been a raise of more than \$80,000 for Ms. Wexsten), many no longer an enticing calling. Several said they could make more of a difference serving in their state legislatures than in the U.S. Congress.

"One of the reasons you run is to get something accomplished," said Mark O'Keefe, the state auditor in Montana, one of several Democrats who resisted pressure from the national party to run for the House. "But to get anything accomplished as a member of the minority is very difficult. Do I want to get lost in a crowd of 435 folks? Not much.

Tim Weeden, a Republican state senator from Beloit, Wisconsin, said he had no qualms about raising the \$100,000 he needed for his re-election campaign to state office this year. But he said a major reason he backed down from what looked like a reasonable shot at winning an open House seat was that he would have had to collect 10 times that amount

"I would have had to engage in some things that I don't find very tasteful," said Mr. Weeden, 46. "Like cold calling. Like asking current contributors to give me 10 times more than they have in the past. Not only do you raise that kind of the contributors to give the class that had the contributors to give me to the class that had the contributors to give the class that had the contributors to the class that had the contributors to give the class that the contributors to give the contributors the contributors to give the contributors to give the contrib of money now, but as soon as the election is over you turn around and do it all over again. I can't even see doing it once. But to do it over and over again is something I just wouldn't be able to

Recruiting the most appealing, and formidable, candidates is more than an exercise in vanity for the political parties. Democrats need to pick up only 11 seats to win back control of the House. The success or failure of party recruiters can have an important bearing on which candidates can best raise money, draw political support - and ultimately win.

The failure of people to run has consequences far beyond the November election. Besides robbing the political process of competition, there is a cost to the civic culture because the absence of the highest quality candidates feeds into the public's increasing alienation from Washington and from the process of

governing.

One who is not complaining was Mr. Shimkus, who said he now felt little pressure to put his re-election campaign into full gear. "For a new member who won in a close election, it's as good as I could have expected," he said. "I'm trying to analyze, myself, why this has

Several potential contenders focused on a harsh yet unavoidable (unless you are independently wealthy) reality of running for Congress in 1998: the need to amass huge stockpiles of cash and, if successful, to turn around and hit up denors again for the race two years

Jay Hoffman, a Democratic state representative in Illinois who barely lost to Mr. Shimkus two years ago, said the factor in his decision to pass up another

"Last time, I raised \$800,000 and it wasn't enough," he said. "This time, I'd need probably a million or so. I found the constant need to raise resources to be competitive a bit repulsive."

Former Representative Bill Martini, Republican of New Jersey, who was elected in 1994 and lost his seat two years later, said the overwhelming financial demands in the New York media market were too much to bear. 'The emphasis is too much on fund-

raising, and that's not what led me to run in the first place," said Mr. Martini, who last month passed up a rematch against Representative Bill Pascrell Jr., a freshman Democrat. Representative Martin Frost of Texas,

chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said that he was hearing such complaints with increasing intensity. 'The whole thing has gone crazy,'

he said. "The cost of television advertising has so far outpaced the general inflation rate that it's very expensive to run, and that's a factor for people.'

Beyond the financial costs, many prospective candidates said, simply, that serving in Congress was no longer a dream job. "A family ought to have a father - and I'm it," said Mr. O'Keefe

of Helena, Montana. To commute every week to Wash-

Israeli Diplomat To Head Mossad

BRIEFLY

JERUSALEM - The Israeli government approved Sunday the appointment of Ephraim Halevy, a veteran intelligence official and diplomat, to head the troubled

Mossad spy agency.

Mr. Halevy, 64, who resigned from the Mossad in 1995 after 30 years duty in the agency, has been serving as the Israeli ambassador to the European Union.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanvahu announced earlier this month that Mr. Halevy would replace Danny Yatom, who resigned in the wake of a series of botched spy missions abroad.

Mr. Netanyahu also named General Amiram Levine to serve as Mr. Halevy's deputy and designated successor to head the foreign intelligence service.

Kuwait Cabinet **Ouits in Protest**

KUWAIT -- The 15 members of Sheikh Saad al Abdullah as Salim as Sabah's cabinet resigned Sunday, two days ahead of a no-confidence vote against one of them, the in-formation minister. Sheikh Saud Nasir as Saud as Sabah.

The move apparently was aimed at preempting the Tuesday vote requested by 10 Muslim fundamentalist lawmakers. The next step will be for the prime minister to take the resignation to the emir. Sheikh

Jaber al Ahmad as Sabah. Sheikh Saud, the Kuwaiti am-bassador to the United States during the 1991 Gulf War, was assailed in the National Assembly on March 10 for allowing books deemed blasphemous to be sold at an Arab book fair in 1997. (AP)

Afghan Militias **Battle for Control**

KABUL - Afghan opposition groups fought Sunday for control in their northern stronghold of Mazari-Sharif. One faction, the Shiite Hezb-i-Wandat, reported that the shooting stopped Sunday night.

A spokesman said the International Committee of the Red Cross was trying to contact representa-tives of General Abdul Rashid Dustam, the Uzbek warlord, to seek

safe passage for aid workers, be-lieved to number 20.

General Dustam's forces clashed with the Hezb-i-Wahdat faction on Saturday night.

For the Record

Limited autonomy for Indians and measures to protect their cultures and languages would be constitutionally guaranteed under a plan signed Saturday by President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico. (AP)

ington, D.C., would have destroyed everyone's life.

Even Mr. Weeden, the Republican from Wisconsin, said the chance of being part of a House majority did not entice him. "Look what I have now in terms of seniority and position - a fouryear term and an ability to get things done here in the Wisconsin Senate. said Mr. Weeden, who was first elected to the state Assembly in 1984. "Compare that with going to Washington, where I'd be a nobody for probably two or three terms, at least. It was really no comparison."

There was little appeal, he said, in being part of an institution that doesn't seem to be achieving a great deal right now. They do a lot more talking, a lot more partisan wrangling, than working toward solutions.

But, like many others who suppressed their ambition this year, Mr. Weeden is not entirely comfortable with his decision. "My biggest fear," he said, "is that I'll be sitting in a wheelchair at 85 years old and look back on a missed opportunity.

FRANCE: Election Gains for Socialists

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the conservative stronghold unless he

vowed never to do. The regional councils, which control ignificant spending but have a blurred political identify, are led by presidents,

who will be chosen next week. That occasion will test Mr. Le Pen's kingmaking ability and determine which political coalition runs each council, Going into the election, the conser-

vative alliance ran 20 of the 22 regions, but the voting Sunday seemed bound to give the leftist alliance control of at least regions.

The voting Sunday offered an imperfect barometer of national politics because it is the only French ballot along with European parliamentary elections that operates by proportional represent-ation. In addition, the election was marred by record rates of abstention, with the turnout barely exceeding 57 percent. a new low apparently reflecting voter indifference to issues and candidates.

Mr. Jospin emerged from the voting Sunday with an enlarged room for maneuver since his government faces no important elections for nearly five years. Analysts noted that his Socialist Party had to depend heavily in key regions on the smaller parties may still shy from

challenging a politically secure government, the analysts added.

For the losing conservatives, the prospects seemed much bleaker, with the two parties failing to find any larger momentum in the high polls ratings of Mr. Chirac. Analysts, such as Jean-Marie Lech of IPSOS, a polling organization. said that Mr. Chirac has acquired a personal position in French opinion as the guarantor of national stability with his emphasis on avoiding conflict abroad or rapid domestic change.

As a result, conservative leaders in several regions may be tempted to defy the mainstream parties' leadership and try to cut open or implicit deals with Mr. Le Pen's National Front to gain working majorities in some regions. Even though Mr. Le Pen's party, which appeared close to capturing the Provence region. did not actually increase its popular vote significantly, its influence could grow. analysts said, as the mainstream right parties flounder.

Philippe Seguin, the Neo-Gaullist leader, described the results as an "aftershock that was to be expected after the earthquake" of the parliamentary defeat last year.

But Mr. Balladur, often described as a rival in the party, said that the "marketoriented right had suffered a defeat that the Greens or on the Communists, but ought to prompt a reorganization" of the



Ed Bradley, left, interviewing Mrs. Willey on the CBS program "60 Minutes," which was broadcast Sunday.

lips, put her hands on his genitals, touched her breasts and told her "that he LEFT: Europe's 'New' Socialists Remain Divided by Ideology

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"with hostility," Mr. Jospin said, a plan outlined by Sir Leon Brittan, and ap-Answering a follow-up question, Mr. Clinton added, "There was nothing proved by the European Commission, As Mrs. Willey becomes a part of Mr. for negotiations to begin with the United States on creating a trans-Atlantic free-Start's investigation, too, her evolution trade zone. The French made it clear from reluctant witness in the Jones case they would veto the initiative if it got any to apparent cooperating witness in the Starr inquiry may mark a new chapter in further, and said they did not want it on the agenda of the European Union's summit meeti United States.

damaging witness against the president. First, her account of a sexually charged For all the modernity that Mr. Blair's scene in the White House is graphic. advisers like to read into the Socialist-Second, she makes clear that Mr. Clinled government in France, it reacted to the British proposal with the decadeston's supposed advance was unwelcome. Third, she is neither Ms. Lew- old protectionist and America-wary instincts that include regarding Britain as a insky, a young woman who appeared to be infatuated with the president, nor stalking horse for the United States. On Mrs. Jones, who has become an ally of the level of basic national orientations, this aversion, reinforced by close U.S.-Mr. Clinton's conservative opponents. Finally, Mrs. Willey's cooperation of-British cooperation during the Iraq crisis, can subordinate any other movefers Mr. Starr another avenue to look ment toward change in France. into obstruction of justice allegations.

Mr. Blair and Mr. Schroeder, who briefly met at a pre-summit meeting of her deposition in the Jones case with a-European Socialist leaders that Mr. Jospin gave a miss, could not have ignored another and very similar French adversarial reflex, Through Pierre Moscovici, the Socialist government's min-ister for European affairs, the French signaled to Mr. Blair their discomfort with his call for the creation of a worldwide movement of center-left parties, including the Democrats in the United States. The idea, as outlined previously by Mr. Blair, is "to manage social change in the global economy," which,

change in the global economy, which, he said, was resisted by the old left. While Mr. Blair has talked about a seminar between Democrats and New Labour, led by President Bill Clinton and himself in May, to be followed by a conference in London late this year or next bringing together "all of the parties that are on the same wavelength," Mr.

Gerhard Schroeder, the German Social Democratic leader, speaking Sunday in Magdeburg at a party conference on labor questions.

■ 'Recklessness' in Advance

Democratic fund-raiser.

CBS News says Mrs. Willey said in her interview with "60 Minutes" that she was amazed at the "recklessness" of Mr. Clinton's advance at the White House, Reuters reported.

Mrs. Willey has said that she discussed

'I could just not believe what had happened in that office," CBS quoted her as saying. "I could not believe the recklessness of that act.' Robert Bennett, one of Mr. Clinton's

private lawyers, said the president strongly denied Mrs. Willey's account and said that there is evidence what she said was untrue. "The president is absolutely be-wildered" by her story, Mr. Bennett said on the ABC News program "This

Calling for 'Courageous' Policy Change, Iraq Urges U.S. to Build New Relations

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — In a change from its usual anti-American rhetoric, Iraq on Sunday urged the United States to "courageously" change its policies and normalize relations with Baghdad. An editorial in the state-run Bagh-

dad Observer said that such a move by

President Bill Clinton and his main

ally, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, would be in their political and economic interests. Britain and the United States have been the main supporters of maintaining United Nations trade sanctions on Iraq. The sanctions, which limit exports of oil, were designed to punish Saddam

Hussein for his 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which set off the Gulf War. The Iraqi editorial called for "a daring step by reasonable and realistic politicians to reassess American policy toward the Baghdad regime and "eventually call for direct talks with the government of Iraq so as to

normalize relations." The editorial urged the United States to "courageously reshuffle" its policy "for a more realistic one that as well as the cause of peace, security and stability in this region.

In an interview published Sunday in the weekly Al Musawir Al Arabi, the Iraqi deputy foreign minister, Riad Qaissi, said Iraq-American talks were likely. "Iraq does not mind a dialogue with Washington — it calls for it," Mr. Qaissi was quoted as saying.

The Iraqi statements came amid what appeared to be a change in Iraq's dealings with UN weapons inspectors following the Feb. 23 agreement neotiated by the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan. Under the terms of the deal, Iraq agreed to open eight of Mr. Saddam's palace compounds to UN inspectors and to improve cooperation

with UN weapons teams. Last week, for the first time, Iraq allowed a UN team into the Defense Ministry. And next weekend, the chief UN arms inspector, Richard Butler, is due in Baghdad to begin the palace inspections.

On Sunday, UN inspection teams paid unannounced visits to eight sites, the official Iraqi News Agency reported. In addition, a UN team specialized in biological and chemical weapons as well as missiles visited a serves America's legitimate interests state-run university. The inspections "were conducted with full cooperation from the fraqi side," the agency said.

meeting of the very old left Socialist International in Oslo in May.

Mr. Schroeder, who talks labor market flexibility but has yet to announce his specific definition of it. or confront the and ease with business leadership, the contradictions of his Social Democratic Party on how it wants Germany to achieve modernity, still hasn't taken sides. The distance between the men and

their ideologies emerges clearly at this point. For New Labour, socialism is not a favorite word, and market flexibility means a minimum of state intervention and a welfare-to-work concept that modulates but essentially carries out the attack on blanket welfare protections started by Margaret Thatcher.

Dennis McShane, a Labour member of Parliament active in international matters, could not have been speaking for all his European colleagues of the left when he said, "It's vital that the centuryold suspicions between the U.S. Democrats and the Socialist parties of Europe

be broken down." This ideological division, which goes to the heart of Europe's future, was underscored in by a remark, coinciding with the summit meeting in London, from Louis Schweitzer, president of Renault. A man who went to the nationalized automaker from a post as chief of staff to a former Socialist prime minister, Laurent Fabius, Schweitzer talked about the 35-hour workweek that the French government has made a symbol of the state activism

French industry and for the growth that would lead to cutting unemployment." Some of Mr. Jospin's Socialist associates insist that the 35-hour week will provide the smoke and mirrors they consider necessary to remove job market and workplace restrictions, but a spokesperson for the French Employers' Association, questioned last week, said it saw

it cherishes, and said, "I don't believe it

is an asset for the competitiveness of

nothing resembling this emerging so far. For all the kinship Mr. Schroeder has said he feels with Mr. Blair's approach. Conservative Party.

Jospin announced pointedly on Wed- - he offers little on the record about the nesday that he would be attending the achievements of the Jospin government - the details of his own program remain in very short supply.

While Mr. Schroeder is a candidate with both a working-class upbringing Social Democratic Party and its old left chairman, Oskar Lafontaine, continues to speak in two largely irreconcilable directions. Last week, Harald Schartan. a leading union figure and party ally, said that shorter hours must not be a goal in themselves because they led generally to production and cost pressures, and that cutting time on the job in the metal trades would mean an effective 10.5 percent pay increase.

At the same time, a position paper from the party's left wing called for "a change of direction favoring public responsibility and a structure-giving allies with Mr. Le Pen, something he has state" as opposed to the party presenting "a more social, milder variation of deregulation concepts.

Unlike Mr. Jospin, a government led by Mr. Schroeder would not depend on Communists as coalition partners, but very probably on Germany's Greens, whose French counterparts have just held joint regional election rallies with a Trotskyist grouping called Revolutionary Communist League.

Without international policy experience of his own, Mr. Schroeder has been rather more precise on who might be his foreign minister than the specific economic policies of an eventual coalition, saying he thinks highly of the competence of the Greens' Josepha Fischer. In spite of the eagerness of some of

their friends to portray them as ready to march forward, arms linked, toward the millennium, the divergent circumstances and inclinations of Mr. Blair, Mr. Jospin and Mr. Schroeder led to this line, repeated in London, and picked up in modified form by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung: Who among the Tony Blair wannabes

most resembles the real thing? Answer: William Hague, leader of the British

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EU Central Bank Faces Rocky Start

The Challenging Quest for 'One-Size-Fits-All' Interest Rates

By Alan Friedman

ROME — The greatest challenge for the future European Central Bank will be to set a "one-size-fits-all" interest rate for much of Continental Europe. But even some of the biggest boosters of the planned single currency at finance ministries and central banks worry that it might get off to a rocky start.

Putting together a central bank that represents as many as 11 countries and is able to overcome barriers of COUNTDOWN language, culture and econom-

ic tradition will not be easy. But then making sure that politics do not intrude on sensitive financial decisions will be even tougher.

During the first days of May, when European Union leaders decide which countries will launch the euro on Jan. 1. 1999, they will also have to name the president of the new central bank and agree on exchange rates among the various currencies destined to be merged into the single currency.

The potentially volatile and politically controversial environment in which the new European Central Bank will have to operate was evident over the weekend as Greece announced plans to devalue the drachma by 14 percent and pursue a tough austerity program as part of a bid to join the European Union's exchange-rate mechanism and ultimately, the single currency.

Ireland, meanwhile, angered its exporters by revaluing its own currency to

prepare for its participation in the euro.

The central bank, which is to be fully operational by the end of this year, will be of crucial importance as the guardian of the euro, setting interest rates that will affect Europeans in a broad range of ways, from steering overall economic growth to influencing mortgage rates paid by homeowners.

Its most formidable challenge will be trying to decide rates for a large number of countries with different business cycles, different electoral calendars and different levels of growth and unemployment.

Negotiations over the choice of the president of the new central bank have already deteriorated into political horse trading between Bonn and Paris, triggering resentment among other nations that fear that the two leading European economies will exclude them from oth-

"The big difficulty," said one senior

European central bank official, speaking on condition of anonymity, "is that you may have some countries in a strong recovery phase and therefore needing higher interest rates to keep inflation at bay, while others, especially those with depressed regions and high unemployment, will need lower rates in order to stimulate growth."

"The risk," the official said, "is that you set a rate that is right for Europe, but not right for each region."

David Marsh, director of European

research at Robert Fleming, a London bank, said: "In a vast area with disparities in economic growth, it will be hard for the European central bank to come up with a one-size-fitsall interest rate."

The view of government officials who are preparing for the euro is more optimistic, although none wanted to be quoted by name in this article. What we will do is look at Europe-

wide developments and set interest rates to cover a broad area," one official said. "If the Fed can do it in the United States, why shouldn't we be able to do the same?" But Carl Weinberg, an economist at

High Frequency Economics in New York, said: "Monetary policy after the launch of the euro is going to be imprecise, inefficient, and misguided. They are going to learn by doing and with other peoples' money.'

The fierce political jockeying surrounding the choice of the central bank

chief is another problem. The battle pits Germany and France, with Bonn backing the Dutch central banker Wirn Duisenberg, and Paris still fighting an uphill battle on behalf of its own central bank governor, Jean-Claude Trichet.

Economists say a similar fight could emerge over the selection of the other five members of the executive board. The Maastricht treaty does not offer guidance on bow to fill the banks' key slots, except to say the terms may be either four or eight years. But already, there is much behind-the-scenes maneuvering by France, Germany and Italy — the Continent's three biggest economies — to guarantee that they have key places at the top table. Might some of the central bank's

board members hew to a more nationalist than European line on interest rates when they report to the new headquarters in Frankfurt?

There is always the risk of a politicization," said Julian Jessop, an econ-omist at Nikko Europe in London, but "this should not be too great a risk because most European central bankers are remarkably tough inflation fighters and they should be able to work well together.

But critics note that European commissioners who arrive in Brussels do not always shed their national perspective and politics as they are supposed to. Many senior European officials and economists say that even if the choice

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Finance Minister Yannos Papantoniou explaining to journalists Sunday why low inflation allowed Athens finally to devalue the currency.

Greece Unveils Austerity Plan in Bid to Join EMU

ATHENS - The Greek government announced Sunday that it was embarking on a three-point economic austerity plan, one day after it devalued the drachma by 14 percent to rejoin the European Union's exchange rate me-The EU devaluation, which also in-

cluded a 4 percent drop in the value of the Irish punt, came as the bloc prepares to decide in May which countries will join its economic and monetary union, scheduled to start in January. Greece is the only country among the 15 EU nations whose debt, budget deficit and inflation rate are all too high

to join the planned single EU currency, the euro, at its inception. Athens said

it to join by 2001 instead.

For Ireland, the revaluation of the punt, which has been buoyed by last year's 8 percent growth in gross national product, will help it adopt the euro at a rate that will not fuel inflation. Finance Minister Yannos Papanto-

niou of Greece said a policy of a strong drachma had led to low inflation, allowing Athens finally to devalue the currency, "We could only do it now because only now inflation has fallen to an extent that we have been accepted by our partners in the European Union," he said. "As soon as it was possible, we did it."

The drachma joins the exchange rate mechanism with a central rate of 357

the revaluation would pave the way for drachma to the European currency

Athens announced plans Sunday to sell off a 49 percent stake in 11 staterun businesses, cut public spending and reform the labor and welfare system in an economic austerity program aimed at preparing the country to join the euro

Among the companies Mr. Papantoniou said would be semi-privatized are the telecommunications giant The government also planned to cut

200 billion drachmas (\$690 million) from public spending by the end of 1999, with most of the cuts coming from capital investments, and to reform the labor market and the state welfare marks.

system, he said.

'This is a good thing' for Greece, said Steven Bell, economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in London. 'We expect the government to pursue a tight monetary and fiscal policy." He added that he expected Greek longterm bonds to rise after ERM entry. Some analysts were not convinced by the Greek move.

Ioannis Protopapadakis, vice president of Santander Investment in Athens, said that it would not be enough to avoid further depreciation of the drachma.

The Irish currency, meanwhile, will be revalued to 0.796 Ecu. It was trading in a band centered on 2.41 Deutsche (AFP, Bloomherg, Reuters)

Indonesia **Pleads for** 'Flexibility' From IMF

By Thomas Fuller

SURABAYA, Indonesia — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto of Japan left Jakarta on Sunday with little more than promises on continued economic reforms from President Suharto, a day after the Indonesian leader named a new cabinet that is likely to make more difficult the implementation of the International

Monetary Fund bailout package.
In his meeting with Mr. Hashimoto, who arrived in Jakarta on Saturday, Mr. Suharto was quoted as saying that he, would honor all promises but that he hoped the international community would be "flexible" in dealing with the current economic crisis.

The comments were echoed by Foreign Minister Ali Alatas.

'Flexibility is needed from all sides, between the Indonesian government and the IMF, among the international community and the agencies involved," Mr. Alatas said.

The call for flexibility is widely interpreted as a desire to soften the terms of the \$43 billion bailout package. Last, week, IMF officials, apparently reacting to backpedaling by Jakarta on several reforms, postponed a \$3 billion loan installment due this month. But they' also indicated that some conditions of. the package could be softened.

The meeting Sunday brought face to face the president of East Asia's most troubled economy. Indonesia, and the prime minister of the region's mostpowerful economy.

Tokyo is the biggest aid donor to. Jakarta and the largest bilateral contributor to the IMF package. Japanese banks, are also highly exposed in Indonesia. holding about one-quarter of the total foreign debt, or about \$25 billion worth.

Mr. Hashimoto's trip follows a string' of visits by foreign envoys from the, United States and Europe in recent weeks that were designed to encourage Jakarta to implement the IMF program fully. ..

In what is widely considered a blow to those efforts, Mr. Suharto's new cabinet includes his daughter, Siti Hardiyanti Rukmana, as social affairs minister, and Mohamad "Bob" Hasan as trade

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A Lively Race on the Net

Satellite Ventures Vie to Give Users Faster Access

By Richard Covington International Herald Tribune

CANNES - Frustrated by slow connection speeds, more than 10 mil--- chance of be lion users gave up last year on the World Wide Web, also known as the - an did w worldwide wait, according to Inteliour stiquest Information Group Inc.
Even though about 200 million

people around the world continue to log on to the Internet, with hundreds of thousands of new users signing on Washington Con-

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each month, the snail's pace delivery of text, music and video was the principal reason cited by those no longer using the Web, in the survey by the multimedia research firm based in Massachusetts.

Faced with the prospect of squeezing elephantine digital content through outmoded telephone links, disgruntled Internet users have even formed polit-Vir Herber and his ical lobbying groups such as the loose coalition of digital artists and technological advocates at a Documenta art exhibit last summer in Face? many, who started a movement de-manding "bandwidth for all."

find relief from slow bandwidth connections sooner than the United States does, in the form of rapid on-line consumer access via satellite and other broadband delivery systems. A host of competing ventures, based in France, Luxembourg, Germany and Switzerland, are vying for the busi-ness-to-business and consumer market and are expected to start delivering individualized Internet connections by satellite as early as this autumn.

By contrast, Teledesic Corp.'s \$9 billion project to launch a network of satellités for Internet delivery and nigh-speed data, voice and multimedia links is not scheduled to start serving customers until 2002, executives of the U.S.-based company say.

Net Plus, a satellite delivery network backed by the consortium of Canal Plus SA, Bertelsmann AG, America munications company Cegetel, a subsidiary of Compagnie Generale des Eaux, announced last month at the Milia multimedia market in Cannes that it was set to start testing the service in France this month, with consumer

the television network's digital de-Europe, where about 30 million households already have satellite coder although the company may yet dishes for television reception, may decide to bypass the decoder and de-



Soriety for Old and New Media Online Inc. and the French telecom- European advocates billboarding the demand for better Net service.

> liver the Internet directly to customers' computers, said Alain LeDiberder, the network's director for new programs. A similar service has already dispensed with the decoder, relying in-

subscriptions starting by September.

To access Net Plus, users need a video broadcast card, which sells for computer, modern, satellite dish and around \$300, about the same price as a decoder. Astra-Net European Satellite

owned by the European Society of Satellites, Intel Corp., Deutsche Telekom AG, Hughes Network Systems and P&T Luxembourg, is delivering data, video and multimedia at 36 megabits per second, about a thousand times the speed of modern connections over ordinary phone lines.

Although the service is available so

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A Prince for South Koreans? Saudi Is Expected to Invest

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - Prince Walid ibn Talal of Saudi Arabia arrived here Sunday as the latest and potentially biggest investor so far in the hardhit South Korean economy.

Prince Walid said that he was considering investments in two of the country's largest chaebol, or conglomerates, ranked Hyundai Group and Daewoo Group, which is ranked fourth in terms of sales and

The prince said after arriving here that he was talking to leaders of both chaebol and promised to reveal how much he was investing and in exactly which area in the next day or so.

South Korean newspapers reported that he was planning to pour \$100 million into Daewoo Corp., that conglomerate's trading and construction arm.

Lee Kyong Hun, the president of Daewoo's China headquarters, greeted Prince Walid at the airport, where he said that Daewoo and the prince were to announce the investment Monday afternoon but that "the Korea media have embarrassed us by their premature re-

The prince planned to meet on Monday with the group's chairman, Kim Woo Choong.

Prince Walid's investment was expected to be in the form of convertible bonds that could. ultimately make him Daewoo Corp.'s largest single investor with a stake of 10 per-

He already owns Daewoo Corp. bonds valued at more than \$50 million.

The efforts of both Daewoo and Hyundai in' persuading Prince Walid to invest in their groups indicates the depth of their financial

Both conglomerates, like other large chae-

bol, have been resisting suggestions by the, International Monetary Fund - made as partof its the Fund's \$60 billion rescue plan for South Korea — that they shed some of their weaker companies while looking for in-The prince will meet with President Kim-

Dae Jung on Tuesday, following in the foot, steps of other celebrity investors. Mr. Kim has already received the pop star Michael Jackson, and the financier George Soros, both of whomattended his inauguration on Feb. 25 and have promised to invest.

Prince Walid, whose personal wealth of approximately \$12 billion makes him the 11th. richest man in the world, said that he and the president would discuss "Korean and Saudi investment plans."

The prince offered no details.

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Counterfeiters Thrive in Paraguay

By Diana Jean Schemo New York Times Service

CIUDAD DEL ESTE, Paraguay - If ever there was a monument to free enterprise and the absence of government regulation, it is Ciudad del Este, where 90 percent of what is sold is counterfeit, where 3,000 pounds of cocaine a month leaves for Brazil, the United Nikes and Reeboks are \$25. States and Enrope, and where arms trafficking and money laundering are rampant.

"Anything you want, you can buy here," a businessman said. "Legal, illegal, whatever." Ciudad del Este, which conveniently straddles the Brazilian and Argentine sides of the breathtaking Iguacu Falls, is the latest battleground in a fierce dispute between U.S. companies that are trying to protect their patents, licenses and trademarks and the legions of Third World entrepreneurs who make their livings from cheap knockoffs.

Many goods sold here arrive in pieces from the Far East and are assembled in clandestine plants, some of them just upstairs from the retail stores. Phony labels are slapped on, and what is not sold here leaves for other countries, sidestepping quotas for Asian imports. Wholesalers and street peddlers come here

from around the continent seeking items such as fake Motorola Inc. cell-phone batteries, outwardly indistinguishable from the original, that sell for \$90 instead of the \$279 a local department store charges. Compact disks of video games go for \$3 instead of \$89 (the price goes down to \$2 apiece for 10 or more, a boy selling them confided). The latest

"Even the judges down there don't do anything," said Pedro Contrera, who heads the anti-counterfeiting squad of the national police. "They're bought and controlled by organized crime."

The local government has largely taken the side of the small businesses.

"It's a form of survival for many Brazilians and for many Paraguayans as well," said Carlos Barreto, the state governor, who was placed under investigation after a clandestine airstrip and two unmarked planes were dis-covered on his property. 'When you have a problem with executives, you find solutions by passing laws. But for poor people, it's only through the stornach that you find solutions." Because Paraguay lacks significant natural

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FIDELITY SPECIAL GROWTH FUND Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable Kansallis House - Place de l'Etoile B.P. 2174, L-1021 Luxembourg

R.C. Luxembourg B 20095 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Fidelity Special Growth Fund, a Societé d'Investissement à Capital Variable organised under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "Company"), will be held at the registered office of the Company, Kansallis House, Place de l'Etoile, Luxembourg, et \1.00 a.m. on March 26, 1998, specifically, but without limitation, for the following purposes:

Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors

Presentation of the Report of the Auditor
Approval of the balance sheet and income statement for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1997
Discharge of the Board of Directors and the Auditor
Election of five Directors, specifically the re-election of Messas. Edward C. Johnson 3d, Barry R.J. Bateman, Charles A.
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Figure 1, one parameter and the first property of the Auditor, specifically the election of Coopers & Lybrand, Luxembourg Declaration of a cash dividend in respect of the fiscal year ended November 30, 1997 Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the Mosting.

Approval of items 1 through 8 of the agenda will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the states present or represented at the Meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented in order for a quorum to be present. Subject to the limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Company with regard to owners constitute in the aggregate more than three percent (3%) of the outstanding shares, each share is emitted to one vote. A Starcholder may act at any Meeting by proxy.

Dated: Pelanary 3, 1998 By order of the Board of Director



U.S. CREDIT MARKETS

pick up soon is driving many 10 days of 2.8 percent. bond investors to keep in-

creasing their holdings. "Low inflation is going to win out," said David Berry, a trader at Lincoln National Corp., who bought Treasury securities last week.

Investors shared his sentiments about inflation, igof an increase in new jobs and robust retail sales. Treasury bonds rose for the week, with the yield on the benchmark 30-year bond about President Bill Clin-

through the Euroclear system for the week end-ing March 13. Prices supplied by Telekurs.

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NEW YORK — Confi- has risen \$26.56 per \$1,000 port. But the losses were recent gains.

said a strategist at a large New York brokerage.

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The Treasury will sell \$6.25 billion worth of three- Traders said investors were noring government reports month bills and \$7.25 billion worth of six-month bills Monday.

Treasury bonds slipped Friday amid uneasiness dropping to 5.89 percent ton's political future and on she was said to describe an from 6.02 percent. a somewhat disappointing "unwanted sexual en-

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Most Active International Bonds

Traders also were disapdence that inflation will not invested, offering a return in modest compared with the pointed when producer prices for February fell 0.1 percent. less than the 0.3 percent many analysts had predicted. while the core rate rose 0.1 percent, against forecasts of a 0.1 percent decline. But they

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inflation remains in check. probably being cautious after "When the market iglearning that the CBS News program "60 Minutes" nores numbers that are usually negative for bonds, as it planned to broadcast an inhas, you have to pay attenterview Sunday with a former tion, said Lennart Carlson White House aide in which of Aeltus Investment.

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Jumbo Global Issues Still in Favor

By Carl Gewirtz arional Herald Tribun

PARIS — Having already set a record quarterly pace of activity, the international capital markets are losing some of to whether long-term interest rates can continue their decline.

giving the benchmark for world markets a positive tone. Likewise, the depressed notes ended the week at a spread of 14.25 price of oil is putting a favorable glow on inflation reports everywhere. But proprices, and they report that institutional investors are showing increasing reluc- worth of 15-year bonds. tance to chase after paper where there is

assumption has yet to be tested.

adding that getting out of positions may prove more difficult in times of stress than is assumed.

Nevertheless, jurabos are the fad. The latest to tap into this demand was the World Bank, which last week sold \$4 their effervescence as investors move to billion worth of five-year notes priced to Ontinue their decline.

Underwriters estimated that 40 percent of the issue was sold in Europe, 35 perising. The U.S. government is expected to pay down debt in the second quarter, in Asia. With bonds down overall in New

fessionals worry about how much of this Federal Home Loan Bank's \$2 billion good news is already reflected in market worth of three-year notes and the Tennessee Valley Authority's \$1 billion

The Federal Home Loan Bank's issue stirred criticism, which its lead manager, siderable advantages for investors who The jumbo global issues remain a ABN-AMRO Holding NV, insisted was are willing to take the currency risk but favorable story because investors per- unjustified backbiting from American ceive these issues as providing higher income than government bonds and virant issue for a U.S. agency. The notes tually as much protection — an ability to unload positions at a minimum loss if conditions suddenly turn ugly. But that points. ABN said that two-thirds of the issue was sold outside the United States quidity, some bankers insist that it is still and that central banks bought 20 percent nothing compared with what is available and pension funds and insurance compain domestic government-bond markets, nies bought another 20 percent.

. The TVA issue was deemed to have too long a maturity for international tastes. but lead managers insisted that only 40. percent was sold to U.S. investors.

Other bonds that moved on a "story were the debut offering of \$500 million worth of five-year notes from Diageo the sidelines looking for fresh signals as yield 14 basis points, or 0.14 percentage PLC, the entity resulting from the merpoint, more than U.S. government paper. ger of the beverage businesses of Guinness PLC and Grand Metropolitan PLC and \$1 billion, increased from \$750 million, worth of five-year notes from Sears, Roebuck & Co., a company rated single-A, or top, that is rarely seen in the international market.

Admittedly small beans compared with these jumbo issues, the other bonds with a story included the first-ever international global bond denominated in Russian rubles. Issued by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the one-year notes provide conwant to minimize the credit risk. The bank is a triple-A-rated institution investing in the rehabilitation of Eastern and Central Europe. By contrast, Russia's long-term debt rating was cut last week by Moody's Investors Service Inc. to Ba3 from Ba2. The 300 million ruble (\$49.3 million) worth of one-year notes carry a coupon of 25 percent. That is about 2 percentage points below the yield on Russian government notes.

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By Tim Smart

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New International Bond Issues

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Christiania Bank	\$2.50	2003	<u>γ</u> # .	99.9425	-	Over 3-month Libor. Noncatable. Fees 0.15%. Denominations \$10,000, (ABN—AMRO Hoare Govert.)
Den norske Bank	\$250	2005	<i>У</i> в	99.777		Over 3-month Libor. Nancallable. Fees 0.225%. (Margon Stanley Dean Witter.)
Merrill Lynch & Co.	\$400	2005	0.15	99.596	~	Over 3-month Libor, Noncollable, Fecs 0.25%, (Merrill Lynch Intl.)
National Mutual Trustees	\$496	2029	0.18	100.00		Over 3-month Libor, Average IIIe 3.5 years. Fees 0.15%. Denominations \$100,000. (Devische Morgan Grenfell.)
Royal Bank of Canada	\$500	2003	libor	99.955		Interest will be the 3-month Libor. Nancallable. Fees 0.175%. (J.P. Morgan Securities.)
Salomon Smith Barney Holdings	\$250	2003	1/4	99.871	=	Over 3-month Liber, Callable at par in 2001, Fees 0.20%. Denominations \$10,000. (Solomon Brothers Intl.)
Student Loan Marketing Association	\$1,713.1	2007	0.71	100.00		Over 3-month T-bills. Average life 2.46 years. Fees not disclosed. Denominations \$100.000. (Merrill Lynch Infl.)
Student Loan Marketing Association	\$1,224.5	2011	0.76	100.00	~	Over 3-month T-bills. Average life 7.29 years. Fees not disclosed. Denominations \$100,000. Also \$106.55 million, due 2014 and paying 0.97 over 3-month bills. (Mertill Lyach Inft.)
Punch Taverns Finance	£120	2008	0.60	100.00	~	Over 3-month Libor, Average fite 6-7 years. Also 680 million due 2015 poyting 0.95 over Libor on £50 million due 2011 paying 0.75 over. Focs 0.25%. Denominations £100,000. (BT Alex Brown.)
Aries Funding	FF1,000	2001	0.23	100.00		Over 1-month Piber, Noncollable, Fees 0.25%, Denominations 10 million francs. ((BJ Infl.)
Credit Commercial de France	FF1,000	2008	0.30	99.95	~	interest will be 0.30 over 3-month Pibor until 2003, when issue is callable at par, thereafter 1.05 over. Fees 0.30%, (Credit Commercial de France.)
Marcel Underwriting Nbr 1	Y34,000	2004	. 0.10	100.00	_	Over 3-month Libor, Noncoliable private placement, issue split into two tranches. Fees not disclosed. (Sanwa Intl.)
Fixed-Coupons	•		-		· · · ·	
Argentino	\$750	2017	113/2	n.đ.		Noncollable. Fungible with outstanding issue, raising total amount to \$2.75 billion. Fees 1% . (J.P. Margan Securities.)
Bayerische Landesbank	\$500	2003	5¾	100.756	99.53	Reaffered at 99.131, Noncollable, Fees 176%, (CS First Boston.)
Bayerische Vereinsbank	\$200	2001	5%	101.1175	100.06	Reoffered at 99.93. Noncollable. Fees 144%. (Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Infl.)
Diageo Capital	\$500	2003	6	101.016	99.71	Reaffered at 99.441. Noncullable. Fees 144%. Denominations \$10.000, (CS First Boston.)
European Investment Bank	\$200	2001	54%	100.3115		Reoffered at 99.124. Noncaliable. Fungible with outstanding issue, raising total amount to \$500 million. Fees 144%. (Dalwa Europe.)

į	J.S. Dollar			Salomon Smith Barney Holdings	\$250	2003	1/4	99.871		Over 3-month Libor, Callable at par in 2001, Fees 0.20%. Denominations \$10,000. (Salaman Brothers Intl.)
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A schedule of this week's economic and financial events, compiled for the International Herald Tribune by Bio.

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, March 16-20

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Hong Kong: Government reports

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February money supply figures, the

Ministry of International Trade and

Industry releases revised figures on

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Zealand releases its latest econom-Earnings expected: CITIC Pacific.

Sydney: Committee for the Econom-

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Government's Investing for Growth

ic Development of Australia holds

industrial production for January.

Wellington: New Zealand retail

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Wednesday Sydney: Government releases

unemployment figures for February. Sydney: Reserve Bank of Australia

Hannover, Germany: CeBIT World Business Fair. Thursday to Wednesday. Dusseldorf, Germany: North Rhine-Westphalia state minister for

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nications Union holds a conference

on trade in telecommunications ser-

education holds press conference on job training. Sofia, Bulgaria: Bulgarian Labor and Social Affairs Ministry releases February employment figures.

Brussels: European Union transport ministers meet. Budapest: Hungarian Central Statistical Office releases final January industrial output figures. Madrid: National Statistics Institute releases January retail sales report.

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Prague: The government releases Ottawa: Bank of Canada to release January retail trade results. its annual report. Rome: Bank of Italy meets on its Washington: Commerce Depart-

Wellington: New Zealand releases European Union. unemployment figures for February. Wellington: Preliminary figures for Friday

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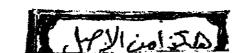
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After Failed Breakout,' Dollar Finds Its Friends Fickle

By Carl Gewirtz ional Herald Tribune

The second secon its official cern over reports in elevise Sunday night Kathler lev's allegation of unwanter advances from President B ton? Or was it a speech by of the New York Feders of the New York Feders Bank warning that inflation higher than expected?

Frankly, analysts carves it was Friday the stride. For the stride of the New York Feders of the New Yo PARIS - Was it the Bank of Greece's sales of dollars to moderate the decline of the drachma prior to its official devaluation? Was it concern over reports that CBS would televise Sunday night Kathleen Willey's allegation of unwanted sexnal advances from President Bill Clinon? Or was it a speech by the head of the New York Federal Reserve Bank warning that inflation could be The state of the s

Frankly, analysts care little which news it was Friday that broke the dollar's stride. For them, the only event that mattered was that the dol-

1.8382 DM on Wednesday, the fueled by automatic stop-loss highest it has been since touching selling when the dollar slipped be-1.8438 DM on Jan. 19. At the Friday high point of 1.8358 DM, the dollar still appeared ready to challenge the low of 1.8107 DM on a plethora of unfavorable news, the dollar closed the week at 1.8178 DM.

failed," said Jim O'Neill of Gold-man, Sachs & Co. He said this confirmed his view that the dollar would be trading at 1.75 DM by

The dollar had traded as high Friday's high and low, was clearly low 1.82 DM.

"It's a sign of how fragile confidence is in the dollar's ability to year's high. But after sinking to a push higher versus the mark," said Avinash Persaud of J.P. Morgan & Co. But in his view, the wide dif-ferential between U.S. and German "The dollar's attempted breakout interest rates is likely to grow in coming weeks, helping push the dol-

At Deutsche Bank, Paul than those in Germany. Meggyesi concurred that a widening

lar's advance had been halted and that its second attempt of the year to top a mid-January high against the Deutsche mark ended in failure.

Summer and then 1.60 DM by the end of the year.

The steepness of the sell-off, amounting to 1.4 percent between dollar's upside potential is limited, "There are big potential problems dollar's upside potential is limited," he warned, adding that "conditions are not conducive for the dollar

challenging the cyclical peak of 1.8905 DM," set in mid-1997. Ravi Bulchandani of Morgan Stanley said: "The dollar's pause is no more than temporary. I believe that the interest rate story is the key one and that the dollar can go a lot higher against the mark." He said he would stick to his target of 2.00 DM later this year on the expectation U.S. interest rates will rise faster

Gerard Lyons at DKB Interna-

"There are big potential problems on the horizon for the dollar," he said, referring to the expected widening of an already steep U.S. trade deficit. Noting that "a strong dollar is essential" to keep U.S. inflation tamed while giving a lift to Japanese and European exports, he warned that a premature weakening of the dollar would create problems everywhere.

As for the dollar-yen relationship, many analysts agree that the dollar is poised to rise sharply once financial markets get past the artificial pressures of the March 31 end of the fiscal year in Japan.

OMAHA, Nebraska - War-

ren Buffett, who warned in-

vestors last year that U.S. stock

prices were too high, now says

the market rally is justified be-

cause of low interest rates and

the "remarkable" equity re-

turns achieved by companies.

If rates did not rise and re-

turns on equity remained high,

"there is no reason to think of

stocks as generally overval-ued," Mr. Buffett, chairman of

Berkshire Hathaway Inc., wrote

in his annual letter to share-

holders, which was published

on the Wide World Web. "On

the other hand, returns on

equity are not a sure thing to

remain at, or even near, their

Mr. Buffett, who owns stakes

in such companies as American

were too high. Last year, he said

they risked paying too much for

1996 he said Berkshire shares

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SHORT COVER

Malaysia to Announce Cutbacks

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Sunday he would announce new measures next week to help control Malaysia's economic down-

turn, the official Bernama news agency reported.

"Projects which can be deferred will be postponed for six months to a year but not for too long," said Mr. Anwar, who is also finance minister. He said the government would concentrate on critical projects such as poverty eradication and public health programs.

Hong Kong Newspaper Shuts Down HONG KONG (AFP) — The financial turmoil in Asia claimed on Sunday one of Hong Kong's Chinese-language

daily newspapers. The loss-making Express News announced its closure on the front page of its final issue: "The Express News has been facing losses for a long time, and the economic downturn in Asia that began at the end of last year has seriously affected the newspaper's advertising revenue," the paper said.

Korea Eases Rules for Investment

SEOUL (Bloomberg) - South Korea is allowing foreign investors to buy blocks of stock through private negotiations effective immediately, instead of having to acquire shares on the stock exchange, the Securities & Exchange Commission said.

"It's part of plans to deal with foreign investors on the same terms as domestic ones," Byun Kyu Yong, an official at the commission, said Saturday. Korea will also allow foreigners. residing in the country to use credit from brokers to buy South Korean stocks starting March 20.

Thai Trade Surplus Is Growing

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - Thailand's current-account surplus is growing by about \$1 billion a month, and the country may not need further international assistance for threeto four months, Thai government officials said.
"With that, and slightly higher reserves than previously

predicted, we believe we can finance the liquidation of forward contracts on our reserves fully' by September. Finance Minister Tarrin Nimmanahaeminda said Saturday.

In an effort to defend its currency, the babt, Thai officials entered into forward contracts - agreements to buy or sell the baht for a specified price at a later date — worth \$23.4 billion dollars. The effort failed, and the country came close to bankruptcy when it devalued its currency in June and July.

For the Record

African Life Insurance Co. said its hostile takeover bid for

 Malaysia's commitment to proceed with its so-called mul-Reuters. AFP

Express Co. and McDonald's Corp., warned investors the past two years that stock prices

Norwich Holdings had lapsed. African life said another party or parties had blocked the bid by accumulating Norwich shares.

timedia supercorridor project to develop information technology despite the country's economic problems "is very commendable," Bill Gates, Microsoft Corp.'s chief, said. He is to visit Malaysia on Wednesday.

What are the benefits and risks for companies and countries in liberalizing the

global market of basic telecommunications

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Buffett Now Says Is Brandywine a Dangerously Cautious Fund? The Price Is Right

By Kathleen Day Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Asia's financial crisis has rattled the nerves of many investors, but few as severely as the managers of the \$8 billion

Brancy was In November, as the bad news nu,
Brandywine began to back out of technology holdings, which account in three months, the 13-year-old fund went from being nearly fully invested in stocks to more than 70 percent in cash. Since then, many money managers on Wall Street have been waiting to see when Brandywine would jump back in, expecting that its purchases would

help bolster stock prices.
The market did indeed take some beatings on the bad news, and technology stocks in particular were hit hard in the fourth quarter as financial markets absorbed the meaning of the economic problems halfway around the world. But the U.S. stock market recovered in January and has been defying bearish predictions, and the highly regarded Brandywine reflected in the stock market. Fund has been left behind. "We're still cautious abor

Bloch Carre, a Boston-based consulting firm for retirement plans.

In the fourth quarter of 1997, Brandywine's portfolio declined 14

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and only slightly ahead of the Nasdaq's 10 percent increase.

Brandywine has begun to put some of that money to work this month, but buy shares in companies that its Bill D'Alonzo, co-manager of the fund, said its cash position was still "over 50 percent," which would mean it has more than \$4 billion on the sidelines. While that "may drift down" in the weeks and months ahead, Mr. D'Alonzo said that he and the other co-manager, Foster Friess, were not backing away from their basic premise, which is that the fallout from Asia has not yet been fully

'We're still cautious about Asia

"They are very far out on a limb," and its impact on high-technology said William Dougherty of Kanon stocks," Mr. D'Alonzo said.

After profit warnings by such companies as Intel Corp., Compaq Computer Corp. and Motorola Inc., Mr. Friess said, "we think as we percent, while the Standard & move into March and April we'll see Poor's 500 stock index rose 2.9 permore disappointing numbers from cent, and the Nasdaq composite in- the high-technology companies." dex rose 11.2 percent. For 1997, Brandywine was up 12 percent, far amount of cash." As to the market's that reflects general customer supbehind the S&P's 33.3 percent rise even after such bad news, he port for Brandywine's strategy. said, "We're sitting here, scratching our heads, perplexed at why that is." Nevertheless, he said, "we have the sense that it's better to lose an opportunity than to lose money."

He said the fund was looking to managers believe will profit from Asia's troubles — companies such as Pier 1 Imports Inc. Mr. D'Alonzo said fund managers

decided the main fallout from the Asian crisis would be a decline in buyers of U.S. high-technology goods, a loss of suppliers to U.S. high-technology companies and an increase in competition from cashstrapped Asian companies that would be willing to underprice U.S. companies. These factors, he said, con-

vinced Brandywine of the downside for many of its technology holdings. "I think his clients will be outraged if he's wrong," Mr. Dougherty of Kanon Bloch Carre

said. "It's a do-or-die strategy. Mr. D'Alonzo said the fund has had about \$200 million in withdrawals over the past five months, which

Kevin McDevitt, an analyst at Morningstar Inc., which monitors the performance of mutual funds, pointed out that Brandywine managers have been right on several occasions when they thought market conditions were worrisome enough to justify a large cash buildup, notably in 1990 during the Gulf War, when energy prices threatened to surge.

But Mr. McDevitt said the size of the market downturn that would be needed to justify Brandywine's position - and make up for lost opportunities — is so big that it is unlikely to occur.

"When you put two-thirds of your assets in cash, you are going to be entirely right or entirely wrong. That's a very high bet," he said.

ASIA: More Turmoil May Lie Ahead

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Indonesia, it is a whopping 32 percent. Growth forecasts have been shaved across the region, with Thaiby as much as 3.5 percent this year. And millions more Asians will be edged so far. out of work this year. In Thailand million in 1998.

the region is the outlook for China, growth slowdown in the world's them badly needed capital. most populous nation could dramatically disrupt Southeast Asia's re- browsing, but few signed deals. covery efforts.

While Chinese officials insist year, most analysts believe that is optimistic. Chinese officials said find this a great time to get in," he this month that foreign investment said. But "if you're the CEO of a could drop by a third, the \$40 billion trade surplus could evaporate and millions more Chinese workers could face unemployment. Most analysts are forecasting growth

slowing to 4 percent to 7 percent. Sanjoy Chowdhury, managing director of Fraser-AMMB Research director of Fraser-AMMB Research
Pte. in Singapore, said that after the

Reform Is Stalled last Southeast Asian downturn in 1985, it was two years before the region's economies were able to revive. This time, he said, he does not and industry minister. Mr. Hasan, expect a turnaround until the latter half of 1999. "We may be close to the bottom, but I'm not sure it will be

turning up anytime soon," he said. The main trouble spot remains Indonesia, which is grappling with its worst crisis in three decades, with food riots and attacks on ethnic Chinese in the provinces, unrest on college campuses in the capital and questions about whether the counry's new vice president, BJ.

Habibie, is a credible successor. Concerns that President Suharto, who was elected last week to a seventh five-year term by an assembly he largely controls, is preparing to jettison the country's IMF reform package led to a holdup of the latest disbursement of aid, prompting fears the entire package was unraveling. And his new cabinet, named Saturday, is made up of cronies, including one of his closest business

associates, and his eldest daughter. The battered Indonesian rupiali has reflected those concerns, with the dollar soaring to a high of 12,500 rupiah from around 2,500 last fall. On Friday, it was at 10,550 rupiah.

"If you're looking at structural changes that need to be put in place, then yes, that looks like it's happening around the region, in South Korea, in Thailand," said Bruce Gale of the Singapore-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy group. "The Achilles' heel, though, is Indonesia — and this is why you have this parade of government officials from all over the place flying into Jakarta."

Several analysts said political factors might still cause problems even in countries making progress toward recovery.
In Thailand, where Mr. Chuan has

received widespread praise for adhering to strict IMF guidelines, the government faces a parliamentary vote of confidence this month. In the Philippines, which generally has been less affected by the regional crisis, elections in May could see a former movie actor, Joseph Estrada, become the next president. Foreign sitive by Jakarta.

investors and local business leaders question whether Mr. Estrada would South Korea it is 9.5 percent, and in continue the liberalization and privatization measures now under way.

There are also serious new concerns that Malaysia may be in worse land's economy expected to shrink shape financially than the government in Kuala Lumpur has acknowl-

With countries now liberalizing alone, unemployment is at 1.5 mil- their rules on foreign ownership, lion and is projected to rise to 2 and with everything from banks to factories offered at fire-sale prices, One uncertain element haunting this is supposed to be the time when overseas companies come to Asia to where economists and others fear a look for bargains — bringing with

So far, there has been plenty of "Not many people are prepared to put their money in," said Lim Say they can achieve 8 percent growth Boon of Crosby Corporate Advisory this year, down from 8.8 percent last in Singapore. "Anyone with longer than an 18-month horizon would

very large corporation, you have to answer to your stockholders once a

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one of Indonesia's richest men and a longtime friend of the president, controls a lucrative timber cartel that was slated to be dismantled under the terms of the IMF agreement.

Some analysts said putting Mr. Hasan in charge of the trade and industry portfolio could be compared to appointing the head of Microsoft Corp., Bill Gates, as the head of the U.S. Justice Department.

"At least Bill Gates has a good reputation," said Anwar Nasution, dean of the faculty of economics at the University of Indonesia.

Mr. Hasan's operations were accused last year of contributing to the haze that covered much of Southeast Asia by clearing land through open

Mr. Suharto's daughter, who is known by her nickname, Tutut, has wide-ranging business interests centered around a road-building company. Opposition members ac-cused Mr. Suharto of nepotism, a common complaint against the president, whose family is heavily involved in a range of businesses.

"Judging from past reputations, most of these cabinet members are against IMF reforms," Mr. Nasu-The International Monetary Fund

is requiring Indonesia to dismantle monopolies; cut import tariffs, levies and taxes; end state funding of a national aircraft program; open markets to foreign retailers and en-act far-reaching bank reforms. Jakarta has issued decrees on al-

most all of the above issues, but has backtracked on two major points, both of which involve close friends or relatives of Mr. Suharto: the abolition of a monopoly on cloves, which are used in domestic tobacco products, and the abolition of special incentives for the country's national car project. Discussions between the IMF and

Indonesian officials are scheduled to continue Tuesday, which could lead to the softening of several conditions considered politically sen-

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Lockheed Weighs Sale

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WASHINGTON — To gain Justice Department approval of its \$12 billion purchase of Northrop Grumman Corp., Lockheed Martin Corp. is considering selling some of its businesses to hold on to desirable Northrop assets, sources close to Lockheed Martin said

"Maybe there are better fits with other companies," said one of the sources, who described the evaluation going on at Lockheed Martin headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland, as "shaping and refining the portfolio."

Lockheed Martin is the largest U.S. defense contractor. Its \$28 billion a year in sales come from businesses ranging from making fighter planes and satellites to designing and installing high-tech electronics

Northrop Grumman acquired from Westinghouse Corp. in 1996, in that first became public March 9 cluding the company's division in Linthicum, Maryland.



SHOW OF ARMS - The United Arab Emirates' defense minister, Mohammed ibn Rashid al Maktoum, right, listening as Jerry Wooding, director of British Aerospace, described the Enrofighter at the Tridex show in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

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man's electronics facility is considered an industry leader in radars was measuring its own defense elec- and other defense electronics.

tronics businesses, including its A Lockheed Martin spokesman Sanders unit based in Nashua, New said Friday that the company was A Lockheed Martin spokesman Hampshire, with those that working on a proposal aimed at defusing Justice Department concerns when the company said the gov-ernment was "fundamentally op-

On Thursday, senior government officials said that one of the options they had presented to Lockheed Martin executives was selling all of the Northrop Grumman electronics units — a divestiture valued at as much as \$4 billion.

That would leave Lockheed Martin with Northrop Grumman businesses that make key airframe parts for Boeing Co.'s commercial jets, the B-2 bomber, and an information Sanders is the heart of Lockheed posed" to the merger. "Any spec-Martin's electronic systems integra-ulation is premature," he said. technology unit.

INTERNET: Users Seeking Speed

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far only to businesses, Charles Josa, an Astra-Net sales executive, said it would start signing up individuals within 18 months.

Another venture, Internet in the for starting the service, she said. Sky, which is based around the corner from Astra's Luxembourg complex, plans to offer satellife delivery of television signals from Beijing to Tel Aviv. Equipped with a computer and satellite dish, users tune into a Web site with a flat map of the world and scan across the globe, tuning into television stations much as they might find a radio station. Once the station is selected, a real-time video

transmission appears on the screen. While the technology exists for such television access, obtaining broadcast rights from the myriad networks involved remains problem-

Old and New Media, which designed the Web site. Although the Internet in the Sky was tested last summer on a local basis, there is so far no date For those Internet users without a

satellite connection, the German television manufacturer Loewe Opta GmbH is offering a quick but costly solution. Within the next two weeks in Germany, later this year in France and next year in the United States, Loewe will start sales of its digital PC-TV. At 6,500 Deutsche marks (\$3,600) it provides rapid in-ternet access without requiring a separate decoder or set-top box.

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EMU: Central Bank Faces Tough Tasks

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of key executives at the European hardest part is still to come: the

transition from theory to practice. After the central bank starts opcrations, finance ministers will also you will have varying needs in varihave to make sure that the Stability ous countries. Pact — the accord that calls for members of the single currency to apply peer pressure on each other to keep budget deficits low - does not create a situation in which individual governments are unable to compensate for recession or high un-

employment by raising spending.
"My concern," said Alison Cot-PaineWebber in London, "is not same could happen to them?"

with the central bank, but with the

politicians." "If a single institution sets a Central Bank is not politicized, the single monetary policy for a broad hardest part is still to come: the block of countries," she added, that makes the need for flexibility on the fiscal side crucial because

> Ms. Conrell and even some officials doubt that the stiff penalties for countries that exceed the Maastricht deficit targets will ever be imposed.

"Forget the stability pact," said one European central banker. "It is a toothless pact. Can you imagine European governments really putting trell, chief European economist at sanctions on each other, knowing the

PARAGUAY: atic, said Caroline Nevejan, director of the Amsterdam-based Society for Old and New Media and States

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resources, smuggling has a long history here. Under pressure from the recording, pharmaceutical and soft-ware industries, Washington is threatening Paraguay with economic sanctions if it does not take steps to protect intellectual property.

The recording industry estimates losses of \$125 million a year from counterfeiting in Paraguay, and software makers say they have losses of up to \$25 million, according to the U.S. Embassy in Asuncion.

Inan Silvero, 43, came to this region to build the Itaipu dam. When the job ended five years ago, he used his severance pay to start a business selling copycat sneakers.
"The United States is leaning on

Paraguay because it's a weak country," he said. "Why doesn't it lean on China or Taiwan, where the goods come from?" Gregorio Romero, a neighbor who sells knockoff socks, nodded in

The local chief of police, Ricardo Caballero, lamented a lack of money from overseas to fight counterfeiting. But when asked why he took no action against the thousands of ped-dlers selling obvious knockoffs from every available inch of street space, he said: "I'm a policeman. It's not my specialty to determine what's legitimate, and what's false."

Speaking in the Mona Lisa, a chic department store, Mr. Caballero estimated that 100,000 vendors, with families, worked in Cuidad del Este. Others put the figure at 7,000. If he were to seize the merchandise, Mr. Caballero said, "it's 500,000 people who won't eat the next day."

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rench degree courses aimed at training students for management careers used to be the preserve of the ity of our manage-country's business schools and similar and the ity of our managecountry's business schools and similar specialized institutes, especially those belonging to the elitist group of young people who grandes écoles. Public-sector universities concentrated their have recently obinterest in business subjects largely on academic analysis of tained their de-

economic principles and business theory.

Today, this picture is changing. Around 30 universities across France now offer degree courses in management, diverse range of alongside 230 business schools of different types. At the educational backsame time. French business schools are re-examining their own management methods and course contents.

Several factors lie behind these trends. One is cost, Course fees alone at a good French business school may be as much as 30,000 francs (\$5,000) a year, a steep figure in French terms. As a result many families have been opting to send their children to free public universities instead. Moreover, shrinking government budgets are encouraging universities to look to the private sector for additional revenue. Launching professionally oriented programs can help to make them more alluring in this respect.

"The particular advantage of our system is that we combine academic research with practical management education for students," says Elie Cohen, president of the Paris-Dauphine university. Dauphine broke new ground when it was founded in 1968 as France's first university to specialize in management sciences. Today, it teaches some 7,300 students, including 700 seeking a DESS or DEA (the French equivalent of a master's degree) in management.

"French business schools - many of which are connected to local chambers of commerce — are generally closer to daily business practice than universities are," says Jean-Paul Leonardi, director-general of the Grenoble business school (ESC Grenoble). "On the other hand, major universities boast more extensive research facilities, and they are able to

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director for the consumer products division at leading French cosmetics company L'Oreal.

Another viewpoint is provided by Annick Allegret at Paris-based management consultants and executive search firm Cegos; "We find that the biggest demand in our sector for a globalized economy. — managers with several years of working experience — is for graduates from the leading business schools such as HEC and ESSEC."

Career moves

In this context, both business schools and universities are developing management courses with a specialist element. ESSEC offers MBA programs in luxury goods and agribusiness that are tailored to the specific needs of these two sectors. It has also been a pioneer in developing parmerships with corporations, allowing students to alternate study with in-company internships.

At Dauphine, says Mr. Cohen, "Our advanced-level degrees with an emphasis on areas such as information technology [IT] management and those that offer a double qualification to graduates with qualifications in engineering and

similar subjects are currently proving particularly popular."

Another example is provided by the Institut d'Administration des Entreprises (IAE) — part of the Aix-Marseille III university — which offers several DESS programs in sectors such as IT, human resources, communications and health sciences.

"We are well-known as providers of additional mannent education to French students who obtained their Europe. first degrees from engineering schools and similar specialist institutes," says a finance professor, Pierre Batteau. "We are now also placing increasing emphasis on programs such as a new Master of Sciences course in management that can attract international students, and on working with businesses." Michael Rowe

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EM Lyon is building a network of 10 schools that will ogies like multimedia and now in its 11th year, will be communication technologies ultimately share expertise to distance learning. develop common faculty, research and exchange programs. It is seeking partners in the United States, Asia and

American candidates are Babson College and the University of South Carolina. England's Cranfield School of Management, with which Lyon has had many exchanges, may come on board. Potential Asian associates are Japan's Wasada University and, in China, the Sun-Yat-Sen University and the China European Institute of Business Studies. Hungarian and Polish schools could also join up.

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> SEAD are riding the wave. In 1996, the Fontainebleau campus began a three-way affiliation with London Business School and Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Together, the institutions tailor-crafted an 18month course on organizational transformation for health-care giant Glaxo Wellcome. Says Glaxo's executive development manager, Sue Godfrey: "As a customer, I can be more creative than with just one school. We've got people whose

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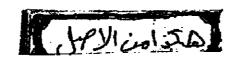
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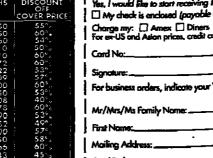


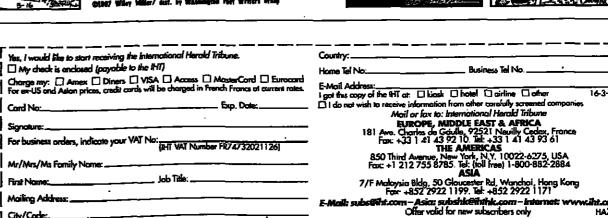


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Hingis Shows Davenport Who's No. 1

By Robin Finn

INDIAN WELLS, California -Martina Hingis, making herself at home in this desert oasis on her first visit to the State Farm Event Cup, had warned that she intended to mop up the court with the event's defending champion, Lindsay Davenport.

No feud, just facts: Hingis does not like to lose to anyone twice in a row, and having lost her title to Davenport in the Toray Pan Pacific Open final last month in Tokyo, she had no intention of letting Davenport repeat the feat.

So, as soon as the grounds crew finished mopping away the residue of the rain showers Saturday morning, the top-ranked Hingis made short work of the second-seeded Davenport, 6-3, 6-4, in the women's final here.

"I was pretty thrilled to come here and win the whole thing," said Hingis. who did not lose a set all week. The match, which was played under

threatening skies, began two hours late.

It lasted only 63 minutes. "When you watch her, it doesn't look like she's so dominant, but she really, really is," said Davenport, one of just two players — the other is Steffi Graf —

to defeat Hingis twice in succession. Davenport's unsuccessful attempt to defend her title Saturday, an attempt marred by 27 unforced errors and a return game so anemic that it earned her just one break chance against Hingis's less-than-inviolate serve, improved Hin-

gis's overall record against her to 6-4. "When she loses to someone, she always comes out the next time even a little bit more fired up," Davenport said. "It's fun to try and play her; she's No. 1 by far, and as long as Martina keeps playing as she is right now, she's going to stay there for a while. I clearly didn't play the way I needed to, and she took advantage of it.

Chris Evert, who has often commen-ted that the 17-year-old Hingis's patience, poise and steely shot repertory remind her of her own, was on hand to present the trophy.

Hingis, who became No. I a year ago and collected three of her four Grand Slam crowns while a 16-year-old, earned her 16th title on the WTA Tour



Martina Hingis returning a shot to Lindsay Davenport in the Evert Cup final.

since she turned professional at age 14.
"If you can keep playing this well, they're going to have to name a tournament after you," Evert told Hingis, who zipped off in a golf cart with Evert after the match for a catch up session. after the match for a catch-up session.

■ Rios Stops Gambill's Run

In the men's semifinal of the News-week Champions Cup at Indian Wells, California, Robin Finn reported: Jan-Michael Gambill, the boy wonder who shocked Andre Agassi on Friday, received a large dose of comeuppance

Saturday night from Marcelo Rios. Rios is not known for his deferential attitude toward the big guns — much less a 126th-ranked rookie fresh from the boundocks of the satellite circuit - and

he took advantage of Gambill's obvious fatigue, which dulled the laser accuracy of his double-barreled ground strokes, in a 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 semifinal victory in the Newsweek Champions Cup.

In the final Sunday, Rios was to face a fellow left-hander, Greg Rusedski, who defeated Thomas Muster, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1, in just 59 minutes in the other men's semifinal.

After downing a pair of icons and former No. I's — Agassi and Jim Courier, along with the Australian serving machine. Mark Philippoussis — to reach this match, the 20-year-old Gambill likened himself to a surfer poised on the crest of a perfect wave.

"But the wave came crashing down today," he said after his loss to Rios.

Ready or Not, Rupertball Is Here

TEW YORK - Under cover of

March Madness, the Fox is expected to move into the chicken coop this week.

Rupert Murdoch will buy the Los Angeles Dodgers, assuring his takeover of the national pastime, which will accelerate his domination of international sports and, if he is not stopped by Disney or Time-Warner, his eventual domination of the world.

'Fox was the ideal successor to our family," said Peter O'Malley, whose father, Walter, ripped the Dodgers out of the heart of Brooklyn.

Some might call it March Badness, but I call it Rupertball, and it might be fun. For a while.

Consider Murdoch, Ted Turner and Steinbrenner bumping shoulders in the same ballpark. Why is it that baseball owners, unlike basketball, hockey and football owners, are more interesting than their players?

Or have we just lost interest in whiny boys who rarely bang into each other? What are they getting paid to do? Since free agency ended the romantic concept of team, and then baseball writers began rating players by salary rather than game statistics, fans have identified with the owners, who are, after all, richer and more likely to be around next year.

So here's Murdoch, really rich and prepared to be the first all-sports ad hoc czar. He can make the connections with a wink. He has his cables around the National Football League and the National Hockey League. Through his alliance with Cablevision, he owns 20 percent of the New York Knicks and New York Rangers. His Fox Sports Net holds TV rights to 22 of the 30 major-

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Brazilian port, the yachts left the har-

bor Saturday in choppy seas to begin their journey of 4,750 nautical miles to

Vantage Point/Robert Lipsyte

league teams. And now he will own, outright, a jewel in the crown. The Dodger franchise has been one of major-league baseball's few truly national teams, first in Brooklyn, where it

became shorthand for goofiness, for losing, later progress, finally betrayal, and now in Los Angeles, where it evokes Hollywood glitz, winning and, thanks to Tommy Lasorda's years of bleeding blue, loyalty.

Much of the goofiness and the glitz

was PR, and revisionists wonder whether bringing up Jackie Robinson was the best way to integrate baseball, but the Dodgers have some cool history.

Selling out to Los Angeles uprooted people living in the Chavez Ravine area and assured the end of Brooklyn as anything more than a bedroom and storage space for Manhattan.

It may also have blown a chance to do for New York in the 1960s what a new magazine, commonQuest, is trying to do now: nurture the dialogue between the Jewish and African-American com-

Racial romantics imagine the impact of a Brooklyn Dodgers team with Sandy Koufax, arguably the game's best pitcher in his prime, and Tommy Davis, the All-Star outfielder. A Jew and a black on the same team might have made a difference here. Could it have changed

the course of the city's history?

Murdoch will surely give us fresh outrages. Anybody who can suppress information on China to protect his bottom line will have no problems rearran-

Whitbread Sailors Head for Doldrums

Most of the skippers agreed that as the yachts sail north the biggest chal-

lenge facing them will be getting past the doldrums, an area of a calm waters

and light, shifting winds near the

Florida can be a lesson in patience for

the crews," said Grant Dalton, skipper

of Monaco's Merit Cup. The area from

Sao Sebastiao to Cabo Frio, off the

"The leg from South America to

Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ging the white lines of our games.
For starters, the silly flap over CBS

News correspondents at the Nagano

Olympics wearing Nike gear will seem truly quaint Look for the political candidates that? various Murdoch publications are pro moting to show up in winning lock

And forget the even sillier flame members of the American hockey as supposedly trashing several domains rooms. Under Rupertball, we would suppress that information no suppress the suppress th protect the players but so that own would not be intimidated by their work ers' solidarity.

Once major-league baseball is in t pocket, Murdoch will move the Dodgers either to Mexico City or a Pacific Rim city.

Makes sense. The NHL All-Star Game, in which North America played the world, was a precursor to the way sports will be marketed on global tele-

I hope Murdoch is paying some at-tention to the NCAA championship. tournament, as he slips into our lives.

Murdoch is a little late to corrupt.

college basketball, although his takeover (
of Australian rugby is a model. My suggestion is that he pump up collegiate golf now that Tiger Woods and Casey Martin

are hot properties and role models.

Team golf matches on great courses. tapping in to the next national pastime to. a generation watching in a corner of their computer monitors while playing along. Maybe he can turn China into one big golf course. It will end, of course, with a Final Foursome.

for its lack of wind, he said.

24 at Sao Sebastiao.

The fifth leg, a 6,670-mile voyage from Auckland, New Zealand, to San

Sebastiao was won by the Swedish yacht EF Language. Captained by the American skipper Paul Cayard. EF Language crossed the finish line Feb.

It was Cayard's third victory in the

31,600-mile nine-leg race, which began

Sept. 21 in Southampton, England.

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ton's second three-goal game 2 Sabres 1 Pittshurgh dr. Tom Barrasso, made shing two while playing with athe Penguins ended Buffale seam steak at eight garner. and his Olympic teaming flick as the Sabres lost on the weing time since Jan. 20.

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SCOREBOARD

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ads—Charlotte 62 (Mason 15), a 5) (Strong, Schayes 9), Charlotte 26 (Wesley 7), Orlando 19

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PRIDAY RESULTS

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Nieuwendyk 30 (Verbeck, Chambers) 5, A

Bonham I (Stevenson, Cullen) Third Period D-Carbonneau S (Tonica), Kecamer, 7. A Cullen 4 B. D-Nieuwendyk 31 (Matuchyk)

SATURDAY RESULTS

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Cullen 4 8. D-Nieuwendyk 37 (M. (pp) 9. A-Pronger 4 (Drury, Green) godt: A-5-9-11—25. D-15-10-6—31. A-Shrolenkay, Askey, D-Turek

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orosite 26 30 31 33—120 _A. Clippers 29 25 39 39—152 T: Stater 7-8 6-8 20, Walkoce 6-19 2-4 14 MIDWEST PEGIONAL Brown 6-10 0-0 14. Respert 5-9 2-2 14: Notre Dame 78, SW Missouri St. 64 Clippers: Murray 11-17 0-0 25, Rod Rogers 8-11 7-9 24. Rebounds-Toronto 42 (Miller 7), (Miller 4), Clippers 34 (Martin 8), Minnesofe 25 17 18 20—80 Seattle 28 26 27 33—114 Colorado St. 81, Drake 75 nuisiana Tech 86. Holy Cross 58

M; Porter 6-12 2-2 16. Garnett 6-11 0-0 12. Mitchell 4-8 4-4 12; 5: Perkins 7-9 1-1 18. Howkins 4-10 2-2 16 Rehounds-Ation 48 (Garnett, Roberts 10), Seattle 50 (Kerse 13). Assists—Minnesola 18 (Garnet Marbury 5), Seattle 32 (Paylon 14). 28 13 23 19—83 18 25 11 26—80 Rutgers 79, Oregon 76 Iowa St. 79, Kent 76 UC-Santa Barbara 74, V W: Webber 10-18 1-4 22. Davis 6-7 3-4 15. Strickland 4-14 7-12 15; C: Pice 12-22 1-1 27.

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S: Richmond 5-195-6-18. Williamson 6-143-4-15: H: Okaluwon 7-239-1023. Dresler 7-16-1-3-19. Rebounds—Sacramento 56 (Stewart 10), Houston 59 (Okaluwon, Barkley 11). Assists—Socromera.
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COLLEGE TOURNAMENTS MEN'S NCAA LAST REGIONAL

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Kansas 110, Praine View 52 Western Michigan 75. Clemson 72 Stanford 67. Callege of Charleston : New York 11-14-7-32. B- 8-6-8-22. Godie: New York, Richler, Cloutier. B-Dafoe.

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Philadelphia 2 2 2-4
First Period: P-Dolgie 10 (Desjardins, Svoboda) (pp). 2 P-Daigle 11 (Niinimba. Svoboda) (pp). Second Period: P-Brind'Amour 28 (Desjardins) (pp). 4 P-Richardson 2 (LeClotr. Desjardins) (pp). 5.
P-Yzerman 17 (Lidstrom. Shanahan) (pp).

First Period: None, Second Period: T-Selvanov 13 (Kubina, Andersson) Third Period: None, Shots on goal: C-9-16-12—37.

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First Period: Carolina, Kron 15 (Chiasson, Roberts) (pp), 2, 5.J. Nalan 11, Second Period: S.J. Haulder 6 (Marciean, Fricsen) (pp), Third Period: None, Shets on goal: S.J. 14-11-2—27. Carolina 15-7-7—29. Goobles: S.J. Vernon, Carolina, Kidd.

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CRICKET

FIFTH TEST, THIRD DAY AT TEA SUNDAY BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS England: England 403 and 173-5

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BOLAND VS. SRI LANKA E-DAY MATCH, FIRST DAY SUNDAY IN PAARL, SOUTH AFRICA nd: 178 and 29-0

THREE-DAY MATCH

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71-65-72-76--284 Mark Davis, Eng. Tom Gillis, U.S 79-64-73-69-285 72-68-73-72-285

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RUGBYUNION

SUPER 12 Walkata Chiefs 19. Wellington 22 New South Wales 25. Goldon Cats 10

STANDINGS: Wellington 15: Coasts Sharks 14 Auckland 10: New South Wales 1

SKIING WORLD CUP

SATURDAY IN CRANS MONTANA, SWITZ.

1 Ursko Hrovot, Stovenico, 1:29:35 (43.81, 45.54); 2. Atlantina Eril, Ger., 1:29.35 (43.81, 45.54); 2. Atlantina Eril, Ger., 1:29.47 (44.05, 45.36), 4. Kristina Kozmick, U.S., 1:30.77 (44.61, 46.18); 5. Alenko Dozvan, Stovenico, 1:30.99 (45.75, 45.23), 6. Korin Rolen, Switz., 1:31.27 (45.27, 46.00); 7. Lova Magoni, Italy, 1:31.23 (45.21), 46.03 Vinn Mattern Swedner. 1:31:33 (45.21, 46.03); B. Yiva Nowen, Sweden 1:31.37 (45 14, 46.21); P. Sabinte Egger, Austria, 1:32:31 (45.81, 46.50); 10. Spela Prefinaz Slovenia, 1:32:35 (45.82, 46.53).

races): 1. Nower. 620 points: 2. Koznick, 560. J Gerg, 45). 4. Hravat, 423. 5. Ent. 328. 6 Deboran Compagnoni. Italy, 304: 7. Trine Balke, Narway, 281: 8. Egger, 257: 9. Steg-gall, 244: 10. Premar, 209.

MEN'S GIANT SLALOM

1. Stophan Eberharter, Austria, 2:22.97
(1:10.32, 1:12.65): 2. Hans Knauss, Austria. 2:23.20 (1:10.80, 1.12.40), 3. Hernonn Maie Austra, 2:23.99 (1:17.01, 1:12.88), 4. Christia Mayer, Austra, 2:74.25 (1:11.36, 1:12.89), 4. Marco Buechel Liectrienstein, 2:24.4 (1:11.23, 1:13.21); 6. Michael von Gryenigen tein, 2:24.44 1111.23, 1113.21; 5, Michoel von Groengeri, Sentit, 22.474 (1:11.58, 11.3.16), 7, Andreas Scrifferer, Austin, 2:24.79 (1:11.93, 1:12.86); 8. Kjeril Andre Agmodt, Norway, 2:25.05 (1:11.48, 1:13.37), 9 Urs Kneen, Switz, 2:25.22 (1:11.76, 1:13.46); 10. Benjamin Raich Austria, 2-25.23 (1:12.31, 1:12.92). FINAL GLANT SLALOM STANDINGS (affer 9 psees): 1. Major, 630 points: 7. von Gruenigen, 560: 3. Mayer, 429: 4. Eberharler, 388: 5. krajuss, 375: 6. Kackin, 2777; 7. Step-Lochet, Switz, 246: 8, Rajner, Salzgeber, Aus-tria, 229. 9. Agmadt, 226: 10. Buechel, 220.

SUMBAY IN CRANS MONTANA, SWITZ. . Alexandra Molssnærer, Avstria, 2 min. 33.29 soc. (1.19.00. 1:14.29): 2. Martina Ertl Compagnoni. Holy, 7.34.02 (1:19.56, 1.14.46); 4 Sonja Nef, Switz. 2:34.68 (1.19.74, 1:14.94). Hilde Gerg, Ger., 2:34 87 (1:19.9), 1:14.961, 5. Financiorin, cent. 234 of 11.17.11. 11.17.10.1 6. Knita Selzinger, Gen. 234.94 (1.20.3). 1.14.57., 7. Sophie Lefranc-Duvaland, France, 2:35.22 (1.20.11. 1:15.11); 8. Andrine Flammorn, Norwoy. 2:35.56 (1.20.46. 1:14.90). 9. Anno Ottosson. Sweden. 2:35.58 (1.20.36. 1:15.22); 10. Selfanie Schuster, Austria. 234.54 (1.20.32.11). 2:35.67 (1:20.37, 1:15.25).

men, 296s 6. Seizinger, 295; 7. Lefranc-Duvillord, 252; 8. Leão Piccord, France. 224; 9. Gerg and Ottosson, 209.

FINAL OVERALL STANDANGS: (after 28 events): 1. Seizinger, 1,655; 2. Eril. 1,508; 3. Gerg, 1,391; 4. Compognond, 912; 5. Melssnitzer, 884; 6. A. Nower, 815; 7. Rende Goetschi. Austria, 787; 8. Isolde Kostner, 1104; 695; 9.

wat, 592: 10. Heid Zurtiriggen, Switz., 561. MEN'S SLALOM

1. Alberto Tombo, Italy, 1 min., 42.84 sec., (50.18.52.66); 2 Hans-Petter Buraus. Norway, 142.98 (50.19.52.79); 3 Finn Christian Jogge.

inger, Austria, 1:44.24 (52.14, 52.10); 10. Mario Reliec, Austria, 1:44.38 (52.08, 52.30). FINAL SLALOM STANDINGS (after 9

Singer, 517 3. Buras 426 4. Jogge, 345; 5. Kmilnobu Kimura, Japan, 314; 6. Ole Kristian Furusett, Norway, 296; 7. Tomba, 290; 8. Jure Kosir, Slavenka, 257; 9. Plemick, Bourgeat France, 189: 10. Tom Silanson, 185.

FRIAL OVERALL STANDINGS (after 37 events): 1. Maler, 1,685 points; 2. Schifter, 1,114: 3. Ebertaries, 1,305: 4. Aamod. 901: 5. Knouss, 888: 6. Von Gruenigen, 746: 7. Jaseph Shobi, Austria, 697; 8. Didler, Cuche, 627; 9. Mayer, 590; 10. Klus., 578.

TENNIS

SEMIFIKALS

David Prinosil Gormany, def. Jan
ilemerink (4), the Netherlands, 6-3, 7-6 (7-Gustafsson def. Cartson 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

FINAL Gustafsson def. Prinasil 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

HEMEMIEK CHAMPIOKS COP IN THOIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA gssi. U.S., 7-6 (8-6), 3-4, 6-3.

Agossis U.S. 1 (6). Britoin, tres. 1 (7). Greg Rusedski (6). Britoin, tres. 1 (7). 6-4. Thomas Muster, Austria, def. Andrel Mediane, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

SEMIFINALS Rusedski def. Muster 7-6 (7-5), 6-1. Rios def. Gambill 7-6 (6-3), 6-3. EVERT CUP
N INDIAN WELLS, CALIF
SEMFINALS
Mortino Hings (1), Switzerland, del. Venus
Williams, U.S., 6-0, 7-6 (9-7),

SOCCER

Hingls def. Lindsoy Dovenport (2), U.S., 6-

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION Cella Vigo Q, Tenerife 0
Espanyol D. Real Socieded 3
Merida 1, Deportivo Coruna 0
Oviedo 2. Sporting Gijon 1 Medrid 51, Celta Vigo 48, Real Sociedad, Real Betis 47: Attetico Madrid 46: Volencia, Ath-letic Bibbao 44: Malbrota 43: Espanyol, Redi Zaragoza 39: Oviedo. 17: Deportivo Coruna 36: Vafiladond 36: Merida 34: Racing Sant-

Brescio 2, AC Milan 2 Empoli 2. Parma 0 Lecce 1. Florentina AS Roma 2. Ban i Bologna 3, Vicenza 1 Inter Milan 4. Atalanta Bergama (Juventus 2. Nap ampdorto (), Lazio 4 ST Inter Milan 50: AS Pome, Parma 44; Ud-inese 43. Forentina 40: AC Milan 39: Samp-daria 34: Belogna 30: Vicenza 29: Brescia 27.

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Derby County G. Leeds United 5

**TRANSPINGE: Manchester U. 60 points;
Arsend 54: Liverpool 51: Chelsea, Leeds. don. Newcastle 35: Everton 33: Tattenham amsley 31; Botton 27; Crystal Palace 23.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

GERMAN BUNDERLIGA Boyer Levenkusen 1, MSV Duisburg 1 Scholke 4, Hortho Berlin 1 Barussia Dortmund 3. Azminia Bielefeld 2

nchengladbach D. Werder Br STANDINGS: Kolserskru STANDINGS ROSESSUMM 37 BUTCH MUNICH 47: Bayer Leverkusen 44; Schafte 44; Striftgeri 41; Hansa Rosiock 36: Bonsski, Dorimund, Dulisburg, Werder Bremen 35; Herring Berlin 35; Cologne 31; Bochum 30;

BUTCH FIRST DIVISION Litrecht 3. Sporta Rotterdom 0 RKC Wagtwijk D. PSV Eindhaven) NEC Nijmegen 2 MVV Moustricht I NAC Broda 1. Twente Enschede 0 Ajax Amsterdam 6, Volendam 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 0, Fortuna Siftard 0 STANDINGS: Ajax Amsterdam 65 point PSV Eindhoven S3. Feyeroom 45: Heen veen 44 Vitesse Ambern 42 Willem II Titburg, Fortuna Strard 37: NAC Bredo 34; NEC Nijmegen 31: Twente Enschaed 34; Vitrochr 30: Gradischen Doetlachem 37; Spario Ratterdam 39: Roda JC Kerkrude 27:

en 26: MVV Maastnens 22: RKC

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION Nantes I Bordeaux 2 Strasbourg 3, Rennes I

Waalwijk 18; Volendam 15.

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL

BASTRALL

and records.

BOSTON—Optioned P Brian Bartiey and P
Peter Auros to Pawfuckel, IL, and P Rafael
Belancourt to Treaton, EL.

TRANSITIONS

CHICAGO-Reserved the Contracts of RHP Jones Boldwin LHP Mike Benoth, RHP Bin Simes, OF Mike Comeron and INF Chris-snopek, Oplander RHP Derek Hasselhoff and RHP Bob Howy to Calgary, PCL and CLEVELAND-Traded RHP Ben McDonold to Milwaukee for LHP Mark Watson, Agreed to terms with OF Brian Giles and C Einer Dies on 1-year contracts. Renewed contracts of RHP Janet Wright, LHP Roo Villenc, RHP

Bartalo Colon and LHP Tom M:

GAKLAND-Optioned RMP Bill King and RMP Blake Stein to Edmonton, PCL and Tota Bennett and C Ramon Hemandez to

NEW YORK-Released LHP Dave Fleming

Huntsville, St.

SEATTLE-Agreed to terms, with C Fronolsco Sortlestevan, Optioned OF Shome Monation to Tacoma, PCL, and RHP Brett
Hinchliffe to Orlando, St.

TORONTO-Traded RHP Tim Crabine to Texas for C Kevin Brown. Oplianed INF Kevin Wilt, INF Ryan Janes and LHP Steve Sinckir Wike Peoples to Knowville. St., NATIONAL LEAGUE

Justia Speier, C Par Cline, INF Joson Mannell and INF Rod McCall to lowe, PCL. RHP Joson Ryon and INF Jose Nievos to West Tomessee, SL. and RHP Jose Espiral to HOUSTON—Released MAIP and Intercent Los ANGELES—Named Peter C'Aladiay hairman and Bob Graziano president el-

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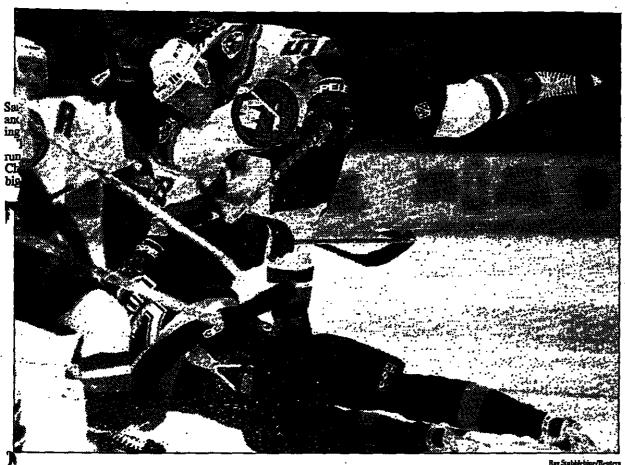
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The Canucks' Mattias Ohlund sliding on the ice under the Islanders' John Namestnikov, top, and Mike Hough.

Hot Bruins' Duo Sinks the Rangers

the Boston Bruins defeated the New York Rangers, 5-1.

The five-point effort was a career best for Khristich as the Bruins got their first home victory Saturday in three tries. It

saves, including two while playing with 1 two-man disadvantage in the last minute, as the Penguins ended Buffalo's road unbeaten streak at eight games. Martin Straka scored two first-period goals against his Olympic teammate Dominik Hasek as the Sabres lost on the road for the first time since Jan. 20.

Flyers 6, Red Wings 1 Alexandre Daigle scored three goals as host Philadelphia beat Detroit, ending the Flyers' eight-game winless streak against the 1997 Stanley Cup winners.

Coyotes 2, Blues 0 Phoenix's backup goalie, Jimmy Waite, made 24 saves, and Gerald Diduck and Brad Isbister each scored goals to lead the Coyotes over St. Louis. The Coyotes played without their leading scorer, Keith Tkachuk, who is out for two weeks with fractured ribs.

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The first was against Phoenix on Jan. 8.

Penguine 2, Sabres 1 Pittsburgh's Fiset had 29 saves. Shean Donovan and goaltender, Tom Barrasso, made 37 saves, including two while plants. apart for Colorado in the third period.

Lightning 1, Blackhawks 0 Mark
Fitzpatrick made 37 saves and Alex Se-

livanov scored the game's only goal, leading Tampa Bay over visiting Chicago, which was shut out for the second straight game. Chicago's Michal Sykora was carried out on a stretcher after a collision in the first period with Tampa Bay's Louie DeBrusk. Sykora was taken to a hospital with a possible collapsed lung.

Carrucks 6, Islanders 2 In Uniondale, New York. Todd Bertuzzi scored during a three-goal second period as Vancouver beat the Islanders. Dave Scatchard added two goals and an assist in the first meeting between the teams since the Feb. 6 deal that sent Bertuzzi and the Islanders' captain, Bryan McCabe, to Vancouver for the Canucks' captain, Trevor Linden.

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Canadians 4, Devils 2 Mark Recchi
scored while Montreal had a two-man advantage in the third period and the Canadiens ended visiting New Jersey's 13-game unbeaten streak. Brian Savage and Saku Koivu also scored for Montreal.

Maple Leafs 2, Flames 1 Mathieu Schneider scored two goals and Felix Potvin stopped 32 shots to lead Toronto over visiting Calgary. With Chicago's 1-O loss to Tampa Bay earlier Saturday, the victory put the Leafs just three points behind Blackhawks for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Sharks 2, Hurricanes 1 In Greensboro,

North Carolina, Mike Vernon picked up his 324th career victory as San Jose kept its spot in the Western Conference playoffs with a victory over Carolina. Ver-non, 11th on the NHL career victory list, first period, then turned away 14 more the rest of the way. Bill Houlder, snapped an 11-game pointless streak with a goal for the Sharks. Robert Kron scored for the Hurricanes.

stopped 14 of 15 Carolina shots in the

Princeton's Magical Ride Ends

Michigan State Cages the Tigers To Win, 63-56

By Jack Curry New York Times Service

HARTFORD, Connecticut - There were some moist eyes, some flushed cheeks and some bitter memories scattered throughout a quiet Princeton locker room. The tears will eventually subside, but the memories of this 63-56 defeat to Michigan State will not fade too soon for the Tigers because of the aching way in which it unraveled.

Those memories will linger. Things that people could have easily changed tend to stick.

Princeton's dazzling season ended Samrday in the second round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

The Spartans played an aggressive zone defense that suffocated the Tigers, the precise Tigers mishandled more opportunities in the most crucial game of the season than they usually do in a month, and Mateen Cleaves scorched them for the most devastating 3-pointer of the season and 27 points.

The magical ride is over for the Ivy League wonders, and the Tigers have a lot to remember. And a lot to regret. "It's disappointing," Ste Goodrich, the Princeton center, said.

'I can't measure the season. We feel horrible. When you win, you want to be around everyone. You lose, you don't want to talk. I feel so bad. I can't even tell you right now."

He did not have to. There were other signs of how bad it felt to fall short of the East Regional semifinals after being tied with less than two minutes left - from the coach, Bill Carmody, flinging his blue blazer off his back when the Tigers missed one of three straight lay-ups during the final five minutes, to Gabe Lewnllis hiding his crew cut in his hands, to Mitch Henderson's somber voice struggling to accept that this sea-SOD Was over.

"Right now, I feel horrible," Carmody said. "The team has done some great things over four years. But, right

now, the big picture is a little tough."
The Tigers (27-2) missed 9-of-18 free throws - including an inexplicable four straight one-and-ones to end the game and were a woeful 7-of-28 from 3point range. Michigan State was so diligent in defending the Tigers that it limited them to one back-door lay-up. and even produced one of its own to end So there will be no hyped rematch on

Thursday with top-seeded North Car-olina, the only other team that solved

"This season, at some point, I'll re-member how great it was," Lewullis said. "But right now, I don't feel too good." Henderson, his intense eyes staring straight ahead, said: "I've enjoyed playing with these guys, but we go our separate ways now. It's a shock."

Not to Michigan State. The Spartans (22-7) extended their 2-3 zone beyond the top of the key, bumped the Tigers hard whenever they made back cuts, warned each other about the cuts, and were very active about contesting 3-

Princeton's Brian Earl (15 points) hit 5-of-10 from beyond the arc. but Goodrich (18), Lewullis (13) and James

Mastaglio combined to go 2-for-18.
"I felt in the second half we played great defense against a tough Princeton tearn," said Michigan State's coach, Tom Izzo, whose team scored the first 10 points and survived 22 turnovers. "I can't tell you how much respect I have for them. That is as bard a team to

prepare for as we've played." What decided the game in the final two minutes were two memorable possessions. With the Spartans ahead by 56-54 and I minute 40 seconds left, Princeton ran a play that called for Earl to take a 3-pointer.

Mastaglio instead wound up wide open two feet from the hoop — so open that the fans even gasped. But Goodrich, whose back was to the basket, did not see him. Mastaglio curled around and missed an off-balance 3-pointer with one tick left on the 35-second clock. "I definitely knew I was open," Mas-



The Huskies' Jake Voskuhl grabbing a rebound while surrounded by

taglio said. "There's nothing you can

Cleaves wanted to penetrate as the time dipped under 40 seconds, but he saw Earl retreat in anticipation of a drive, so he tried a 22-footer. Swish. It was 59-54, and the Tigers were tamed. Their 20game winning streak was a memory. In other games, The Associated Press reported:

North Carolina 93, North Carolin Charlotte 83 The top-ranked and topseeded Tar Heels needed overtime to defeat the 49ers and advance into the East regional semifinals, where they will meet Michigan State.

North Carolina-Charlotte frustrated the Tar Heels' All-American, Antawn



Jamison, and stayed with the Atlantic Coast Conference champions the whole way, sending the game into overtime when Diego Guevara hit a leaning 3pointer over a rushing Jamison. The 49ers were outscored 19-9 in the extra period.

We wore down. Our execution kind of fell off at the end," said Charlotte's coach, Melvin Watkins. "I walked into the locker room after the game and wasn't on anyone because I thought the

kids gave us all they had." Down the stretch in regulation, both teams had good chances to win. After the 49ers tied the score 74-74 in

regulation on Guevara's 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left, North Carolina (32-3) put the ball inbounds deep to Jamison. Confusion followed when referee Tom Harrington blew his whistle with 1.4 seconds left as DeMarco Johnson got his hand on the ball with Jamison

attempting an off-balance shot. The officials met and decided it was an inadvertent stoppage, giving UNCC (20-11) possession and a final chance. But the eighth-seeded 49ers couldn't get a shot off, and then played overtime

without Galen Young, one of their best defenders, who had fouled out. Connecticut 78, Indiana 68 In Washington, Richard Hamilton scored 23 points and Khalid el Amin had 22 points and eight assists for the Huskies, who will next play Washington in the regional semifinals.

Indiana made 16 of its last 25 field goal attempts in the first half to take a 41-36 halftime lead. But Indiana went 8-for-20. in the second half and committed eight

turnovers while being outscored 42-27. Indiana's coach, Bob Knight, haswon three NCAA tournaments and 720 games since taking over at Indiana in 1972, but this year's team gave him plenty of frustration.

"Connecticut was a better team in the second half and we weren't as good,"" Knight said. "I don't whether we were a. little tired or it was that same thing we always do. We just were not the same team in the second half."

Washington 81, Richmond 66 Todd MacCulloch had 31 points and 18 rebounds as the Huskies (20-9) advanced, past the second round for the first time since 1984. MacCulloch scored 17 points in the-

first 10 minutes of the second half. including nine in a row as the Huskies opened a 64-48 lead and coasted. Jarod Stevenson scored 21 points for 14thseeded Richmond (23-8).

Andre Miller scored a career-high 28 points for the Utes (27-3), who will meet West Virginia in the regional semi-Miller had 18 points and hit 8-of-9

free throws in the second half when the-Razorbacks (24-9) closed within three, points three times. Derek Hood and Kareem Reid scored 16 points each for Arkansas. West Virginia 75, Cincinnati 74

D'Juan Baker seemed to have lifted histeam from the edge of disaster for the second consecutive game, before Jarrod 1 West made his move.

Baker, whose 3-pointer with 3.6" seconds left gave Cincinnati a 65-62 first-round victory over Northern Arizona, hit two of them in the last 1:02. His. second one put the Bearcats (27-6) on-top 74-72 with 7.1 seconds remaining. West then dribbled the length of the

court before nailing the game-winner.

Maryland 67, Illinois 61 In Sacramento. California, Obiona Ekezie hit a gametying jumper and six free throws downthe stretch for the Terrapins (21-10).

Sarunas Jasikevicius led Maryland. with 20 points and Rodney Elliott added-16. Jerry Gee had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Illinois (23-10).

Arizona 82. Himois St. 49 Miles Simon and Mike Bibby each scored 19 points as Arizona (29-4), the defending national champion, reached the round of 16 forthe seventh time in the last 11 years.

Dan Muller had 17 points for Illinois. State (25-6), which has never advanced. past the second round in the NCAA tournament.

Michael Jordan scored 30 points, including seven in the last four minutes, as of two free throws for the Cleveland.

the Chicago Bulls defeated the San Antonio Spurs, 96-86.

Toni Kukoc added 21 points for the visiting Bulls, who rebounded nicely after a surprising overtime loss Thursday to the Dallas Mavericks.

The Bulls entered the final period Saturday leading 68-59 and held the

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Spurs in check despite nine points by David Robinson. Jordan hit one of two free throws with 4:05 left, then followed up with six more

points down the stretch to keep the Bulls in control. Robinson led the Spurs with 35

Note 108, Mayoricks 93 In Dallas. Kerry Kittles scored five of his 20 points during a decisive 10-0 fourth-quarter run, and New Jersey snapped its seasonhigh seven-game losing streak.

Chris Gatling had 24 points and Sam Cassell added 17 points and 10 assists as the Nets avoided their longest losing streak since the 1991-92 season.

The Nets trailed by one point with 3:44 to play when Kittles hit a 20-footer o out New Jersey in front for good. cittles sank two free throws with 4:52 emaining, then Gatting added a 3-point play with 4:26 remaining to boost the Nets' advantage to 92-86.

Cavaliers 88, Knicks 85 Shawn Kemo wroke out of a scoring slump with 22 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 18 or Cleveland.

Brevin Knight made two free throws with 14.9 seconds left in the extra period to put the host Cavaliers ahead by three



he Rockets' Brent Price, left, tealing the ball from Sacratento's Anthony Johnson. Housin won the game at home, 89-86.

points. Derek Anderson then stole an inbounds pass, was fouled and made one Charles Oakley and Allan Houston

Jordan Leads Bulls' Charge Over Spurs

had 18 points apiece for the Knicks. Wizards 83, Hornets 80 Washington halted Charlotte's club-record 10-game winning streak, with a basket from Chris

Webber with 13 seconds let. Webber finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds, and the visiting Wizards overcame a stretch of nearly six minutes

without a field goal in the fourth quarter to win for the third time in four games. Charlotte's offense bogged down after Anthony Mason left with an ankle injury late in the second quarter.

The Homets shot 50 percent in the first half but 33 percent the rest of the way, losing for the first time in seven home games.

SuperSonics 114, Timberwolves 80 In Seattle, Sam Perkins scored 18 points as the Sonics rolled to an easy victory over Minnesota.

The Wolves, the second-highest scoring team in the league behind the Los Angeles Lakers, are 0-11 when beld under 90 points. The Sonics forced the Wolves into 21 turnovers and converted them into 29 points.
Gary Payton had 13 points, 14 assists

and five steals for Seattle. Rockets 89, Kings 86 Mario Elie's 3pointer started Houston on a late 8-0 run and Charles Barkley hit three free throws in the final 15 seconds for the Rockets, playing at home.

With Houston trailing 84-79 with 3:58 left, Elie's 3-pointer started the run that put Houston ahead by three points with three seconds left. Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 23 points and 11 rebounds, while

Mitch Richmond led the Kings with 18 points. Nuggets 92, Trail Blazers 82 The Nuggets won consecutive games for the first

time in more than a year, beating vis-iting Portland behind Johnny Newman's 33 points. The Nuggets, who defeated Vancouver two nights earlier for only their sixth victory of the season, made it two in a row for the first time since Feb. 2

and 5, 1997 — a span of 98 games. Despite the victory, the Nuggets (7-58) remained on pace to eclipse the worst record in National Basketball Association history, the 9-73 mark set 25 years ago by the Philadelphia 76ers. Denver's winning percentage of .108 is just shy of Philadelphia's .110.

76ers 93, Bucks 89 In Milwaukee, Joe Smith scored 27 points and Allen Iverson added 20 as Philadelphia beat the injury-riddled Bucks. Milwaukee, which has lost five straight games and eight of its last nine.

Elliot Perry with 21. The Bucks, already without two injured starters. Terrell Brandon and Glenn Robinson, lost forward Tyrone

was led by Ray Allen with 23 points and

Andrew Lang in the second. Hill, who was carried off the court on a stretcher, fell to the court in a collision with several players while defending as Iverson drove to the basket.

Hill in the first period and reserve center

There was no report on his injury but a club spokesman said Hill, taken to a hospital for an examination, had feeling in his arms and legs. Lang injured his left knee and left the game.

Ewing Could Rejoin Knicks For Playoffs

By Selena Roberts New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The aging superstar crashed down on his shootng wrist with a thud. Within 24 hours, everyone would discover the details of his predawn surgery and the bleak prognosis.
Not only was Patrick Ewing out

for the season, but there was also

concern that the delicate touch on his familiar fallaways and the flick of his right wrist on his choreographed hooks would never be the same. But driven by pride, ego and the knowledge that he has precious little time to win an NBA title, Ewing has pushed his body's healing powers and made remarkable progress. Suddenly, what seemed far-fetched no longer is. If the 35-year-

old Ewing's rehabilitation continues to move forward, he could confront the New York Knicks' physician, Dr. Norman Scott, with a crucial decision - whether to give Ewing, in whom the Knicks just invested \$64 million in a contract running through 2001, the go-ahead to return for postseason play.

"He is working so hard and doing so well and is so positive, that if you would have told me four months ago that we might be put in a situation where we have to even consider this, I wouldn't have believed you," Scott said. "Is it possible that in another three or four weeks, he could force us to look very seriously into making a decision? It's possible now.

Ewing was injured Dec. 20 when he was fouled by Milwaukee's Andrew Lang while leaping for a pass. Scott said that whatever decision he ultimately makes will be based on medical evidence, not sentiment, even though Ewing is intent on returning before the playoff roster is set on April 20.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Victory for Peterka

SKI JUMPING Primoz Peterka of Slovenia won a World Cup skijumping competition in Oslo, Norway, on Sunday, soaring to jumps of 122.5 and 125.5 meters.

With 275.2 points, he edged out Bruno Reuteler of Switzerland, who had 275. Reuteler had a 1.5point lead on Peterka after the first

Masahiko Harada of Japan secured third place with jumps of 123 and 120 meters. Martin Hollwarth and Andreas Widholzl of Austria placed fourth and fifth.

The World Cup final will take place at Planica, Slovenia, on March 22. Widholzl has 1,161 points and Peterka is 24 points behind. Harada has 1,064 points.(AP)

Iranians to Wrestle in U.S.

WRESTLING Iran will take part in next month's World Cup freestyle wrestling competition in the United States after an American team made a ground-breaking visit to Tehran in February, Iran's official

IRNA news agency said Sunday. Iran's National Olympic Committee said it had decided to attend the competition in Stillwater, Oklahoma, beginning on April 3, after intervention from the International Amateur Wrestling Federation. It said the Iranian team had previously decided against going because some of its wrestlers were

injured and others felt unprepared. Iranian officials changed their minds "notably because of the massive publicity about Iran's presence undertaken by the U.S. wrestling federation," the agency said. (AFP)

Howe Firm on Eagleson

HOCKEY Gordie Howe, Bobby Orr and 16 other members of the National Hockey League Hall of Fame say they will leave the shrine if it allows a former union chief, Alan Eagleson, to remain, according to a published report.

A survey by the Eagle-Tribune of Lawrence, Massachusetts, of 44 of the Hall's 76 living members, revealed that 18 members said they would leave if Eagleson stayed, another 20 also wanted him out, five were noncommittal and one said he should stay, the paper said Sunday.

"They need a cranium operation to even think he belongs there," said Howe, the NHL's second leading all-time scorer. "If they don't understand the meaning of what the Hail of Fame should be, I don't want anything to do with it."

agleson, elected to the Hall in 1989 in the so-called builder's category, is serving an 18-month jail term in Ontario for defrauding Hockey Canada, the NHL, the NHL Players Association and Labatt Breweries of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Hall's 18-member board of directors is expected to decide Eagleson's fate in Toronto on March 31.

Sykora Takes Title, but It's Tomba's Show

CRANS MONTANA, Switzerland, — Thomas Sykora of Austria won the World Cup title in the men's slalom Sunday, but the moment belonged to a strutting and decisively triumphant Alberto Tomba of Italy.

In a dramatic finish to a disappointing season. Tomba showed why he was an Olympic champion in the resort where he first found fame as a 20-year-old skier from Bologna.

In the final World Cup race of the season and possibly the last of his extraordinary career, Tomba was the last man down the slope after leading the 1998 Olympic slalom champion, Hans-Petter Buraas of Norway, by the slim-mest of margins — 0.01 seconds — in the first leg.

But Tomba, the veteran showman did not let down the fans or himself, stretching his final run lead to 0.14 seconds for the 50th World Cup victory of his ca-

"I dreamed last night that I would win and the dream came true." the 31year-old said, dedicating his 35th World Cup slalom victory to his grandmother, who died last week.

Buraas, bailed as the face of the new generation by the outgoing Olympic champion, Thomas Stangassinger, when the Norwegian won in Japan last month, blew his chance on the second

run and had to settle for second place.

Sykora, the defending World Cup slalom champion, finished fifth and won the 1998 title by four points from compatriot Stangassinger, who placed ninth in the second leg.
Norway's 1992 Olympic slalom gold

medalist, Finn Christian Jagge, took

■ Ertl Regains Giant Slalom Title

Martina Ertl of Germany recaptured the women's giant slalom World Cup title Sunday from Deborah Compagnoni, the Italian who took it from her last season, Reuters reported from Crans Montana, Switzerland.

"I wanted to bring the title home, because Compagnoni had it for oneand-a-half years and that was my goal for today," said Ertl, who also finished runner-up in the overall standings behind her compatriot Katja Seizinger.

With Ertl leading Compagnoni by a thin margin of six points in the standings and an equally precarious 0.47-second advantage after the first leg, the title boiled down to which woman could hold her nerve in the second run.

The third-to-last skier on a rapidly deteriorating piste, Compagnoni charged into the lead with a two-run combined time of two minutes 34.02 seconds.

. Ertl, the next to race, responded with a scintillating run of her own, finishing second, 0.42 ahead of Compagnoni with 2:33.61 but behind Alexandra Meissnitzer of Austria, who won the race.

Meissnitzer capped a season of steady improvement, recording the top time in both runs to claim the first giantslalom victory of her career and her first World Cup victory of the season with a time of 2:33.29.



Leeds's Robert Molenaar, left, sending Derby's Paulo Wanchope flying Sunday during a Premier League game.

Leeds United Dominates Derby, 5-0

Leeds United mauled Derby, 5-0, on Sunday to climb above the Rams in the English Premier League battle for a UEFA Cup place. Visiting Leeds ran the show from the

start, with the strikers Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Harry Kewell terrorizing the Derby defense. The victory completed an impressive double for the Yorkshire team, follow-

ing its 4-3 comeback triumph when the two teams met in November at Elland Leeds is in fifth place with 48 points,

12 points behind the league-leading Manchester United. Derby, with 45 points, is in seventh place. United lost, 1-0, to Arsenal on Sat-

urday, leaving the victors six points behind but with three more games to play. Liverpool is third, nine points off the pace, after seizing a 3-3 draw with Tottenham. Leeds's early possession was rewarded in the eighth minute when a Derby

defender, Jacob Laursen, touched Gary Kelly's curling free kick past his own goalkeeper, Mart Poom.

After Derby lost its Italian midfielder, Stefano Eranio, with a hamstring injury, Leeds took control. Hasselbaink escaped down the right

side in the 35th minute and fed the unguarded Gunnar Halle, who steered a shot past Poom and into the net. Leeds made it three seven minutes later when Lee Bowver sent a shot past Poom. SCOTLAND In Glasgow, Celtic

squandered a golden opportunity Sunday to stretch its lead atop the Scottish premier division when it was held to a 1draw at home by Dundee United. Dundee's Kjell Olofsson evened the

score in the 75th minute as Celtic staged an uneven performance before a crowd of 48,000 crowd at Parkhead.

A victory would have put Celtic four points ahead of second-place Hearts and seven points ahead of the third-place Rangers. Both challengers slipped up Saturday, as Hearts tied Kilmarnock 1-1 at home and Rangers lost, 2-1, at Motherwell..

All three title contenders have eight games left.

Celtic, unbeaten in the league since Dec. 27, took the lead in the 27th minute when Simon Donnelly sent a right-foot volley past the Dundee goalkeeper, Sieb Dykstra, for his 12th goal of the sea-

NETHERLANDS PSV Eindhoven's

sloppy finish and leaky defense did not prevent the Dutch champion from salvaging a narrow 1-0 victory Sunday over RKC Waalwijk. PSV (15-8-1) is now in second place in the Dutch premier league, trailing Ajax Amsterdam (21-2-1) by 12 points with 10 rounds of the competition still to play.

An unguarded Phillip Cocu headed in

a corner from his Dutch international colleague, Wim Jonk, in the 23d minute to give PSV the margin it needed.

Earlier in the afternoon, FC Utrecht improved to 10th place in the standings with a 3-0 victory over Sparta Rot-ITALY Juventus of Turin's slump has

helped create the tightest Serie A title

The league leaders allowed last-place Napoli to claw back Sunday for a 2-2 draw, despite an expulsion, prompting the Juventus coach, Marcello Lippi, to rail at his team for an hour in the locker room after the game.

AC Parma did not gain any ground, however, losing 2-0 at Empoli. Giovanni Martusciello scored the first goal and assisted on the second, both before halftime.

2-1, to move past Parma on goal differential and solidify its chances for a UEFA Cup benth; the Liberian striker George Weah scored twice as AC Milan drew, 2-2, at Brescia, and Lecce and Fiorentina played to a 1-1 draw.

"The games that seem the easiest on paper can wind up being the toughest it has happened to us and now it happened to Juventus," the Inter Milan owner, Massimo Moratti, said.

His club routed Atalanta of Bergamo, 4-0. on Saturday, and Lazio of Rome beat Sampdoria of Genoa by the same The results left Juventus with 53

points, just two clear of Lazio and three ahead of Inter Milan with nine games remaining. Roma and Parma are next with 44 points. SPAIN Celta Vigo wasted a chance to

close the gap on Barcelona and Real Madrid on Sunday when it was held to a 0-0 draw by struggling Tenerife.

Real Sociedad bounced back after its

first home defeat of the season with a 3-0 victory at Espanyol and is now one point behind Celta in fourth place. The San Sebastian team scored all of its goals in the second half, including

two in the last 10 minutes by Darko Kovacevic, who has 14 goals this sea-The league leader, Barcelona, was to olay Valladolid late Sunday. Barcelona has 55 points, four more than Real Mad-

rid, which tied, 2-2, with Racing Santander on Saturday. Celta has 48 points. GREECE With two second-half goals by the Serbian striker, Ilija Ivic,

Olympiakos Piraeus beat Kavala, 4-2, at home Sunday to retain the lead in the Greek first-division soccer league. Panathinaikos Athens, which beat

Xanthi, 3-1, away, is in second place with 64 points, five points ahead its In other games, AS Roma edged Bari, crosstown rival, AEK. (Reuters, AP)

Duke Cruises To Semifinals. Fencing In OSU Cowboys & Reshuffling

LEXINGTON, Kentucky — Pour-years after Duke's run of Sweet-16 appearances ended, the Blue Devils are in. position to start another.

Roshown McLeod scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds Sunday as top-seeded Duke made the big baskets and its free throws to beat Oklahoma State, 79-73, in the second round of the South Regional.
The Blue Devils (31-3) are back in

the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament's final 16 for the first time since 1994, when they completed a run of eight such appearances in

Roundup of NCAA tournament games played Saturday. Page 19.

nine years. Duke advances to St. Petersburg, Florida, where it will face either Syracuse or New Mexico on Friday. Eighth-seeded Oklahoma State (22-

7) trailed the entire second half, falling behind by as many as 11 points, before rallying to get within a basket late in the Joe Adkins, who led the Cowboys

with 20 points, hit a pair of free throws that cut the score to 69-66 with 3:26 left. But Adrian Peterson, the Cowboys' leading scorer, missed a 3-pointer and a driving lay-up on consecutive possessions and his last four shots. Peterson finished with 14 points on 5-of-16 shooting.

Duke hit 7 of 8 free throws in the final 40 seconds to hold the lead and give their coach, Mike Krzyzewski, his 42nd tournament victory, matching Louis-ville's Denny Crum for third on the all-

Duke once again found itself facing a hostile crowd at Rupp Arena. Fans loudly booed Krzyzewski, who suggested at the start of the week that his team deserved to be somewhere other than Lexington.

They also booed point guard Steve Wojciechowski every time he touched the ball after he and Oklahoma State's point guard Doug Gottlieb got tangled up and shoved each other while going for a loose ball midway through the first half. Set the position of vice of Oklahoma State's coach, Eddie Sut-

ton, had a solid game plan waiting for Duke. He chose to slow down his offense, one of the best in his eight seasons at Oklahoma State, and the Blue Devik were unable to shake loose.

six-point swing on a controversial call (& Central Party School in the first half. William Avery hit a 3- John Farry officials pointer, was fouled and missed the free arms the end of its 15 throw, but the ball was batted out to Avance People's Congress Trajan Langdon, who hit another 3.

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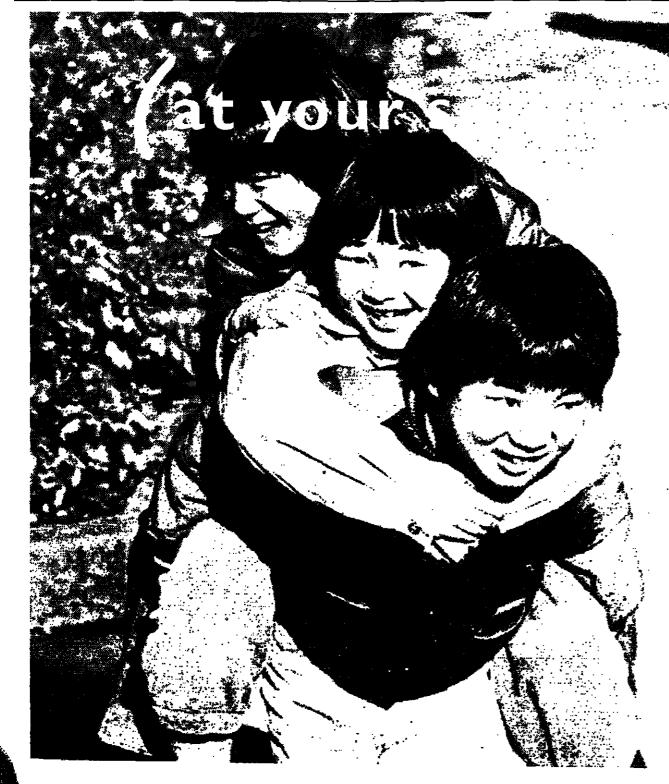


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